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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

In times of great historical celebration such as Methodism's Bicentennial year there is a temptation to pick out any and all items and writings of "historical significance" and place them before an admiring and bemused audience. The end result is too often history for its own sake that bores and gives false impressions, rather than building up the knowledge of our common past that helps us to make sense of the present. For this reason I am honored to have been a part in putting together the following volume, for it is history at its best, informative, alive, human, and helpful in understanding our present situations in the world of American Methodism.

The Journals of the Rev. Thomas Morrell are being published in their complete form for the first time in this volume. They are not complete day-by-day recollections, but rather summaries of extended times in the Rev. Morrell's ministry and life. The value of these journals are first the very human insight one gets into the lives and times of prominent Methodist figures, including Francis Asbury. The second and even greater gift that these journals offer is that they show clearly the uneven and often heartbreaking times that one person lived through in living out a call to ordained ministry. Often people were cold-hearted, the best of plans went badly, personal illness and loss had to be overcome. Yet, given all of that, there were moments when the Spirit would move and give fulfillment to prayers and labors, often in unexpected ways. In short, these journals let us see the journey in ministry of another as he dealt with many of the same defeats and satisfactions that all pastors do. While they might not provide specific answers to present situations and crises, they give the comfort of letting one know that others have shared in the journey of ministry in all its fullness. The work of Dr. Robert Simpson in providing introduction and editing of the journals gives invaluable background, and makes the journals come alive in their original form.

Dr. Kenneth Rowe of Drew University is one of those rare people who write in such a way that it is always worth reading. His essay on *The Maverick Strain: Dissent and Reform in the United Methodist Tradition* is no exception. In a spare and illuminating style he presents the strands that make up the fabric of the great confrontations that have been part of the United Methodist past. The great lesson of this work is that we may not need to despair of our future as a church because there is dissent and unrest in the ranks. Such dissent often leads to creative tension and new synthesis of ideas and ways of living as God's people. Even when dissent turns out badly and leads to schism the church has demonstrated an ability to survive, and eventually in some cases to reach a new understanding with dissenting groups. Special thanks is due to Dr. Rowe for giving us permission to reprint his es-

say, which was first presented to the Commission on Archives and History of the Northeastern Jurisdiction at its 1982 Annual Meeting.

Special thanks is also due to Mr. E. Farley Sharp of Academy Books for his special help in printing this volume. Finally, thanks to God and all who have heard the Divine calling and thus made possible for the history of "the people called Methodists" to be written.

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New Jersey Patriot and Preacher
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The New Jersey State Library in Trenton is the depository for the Thomas Morrell material, although a typed copy of part of his manuscript Journal is in the Methodist Archives Center at Drew University. A few years ago a microfilm copy of the entire body of material was also deposited at Drew. To my knowledge it has never before been examined in its entirety. This publication, therefore, is the first printing of Thomas Morrell's Journals.

While examining the microfilm copy, I discovered that Morrell's Journal did, indeed, continue almost to the end of his life rather than conclude in 1809 as the typed copy might suggest. The remainder of the Journal until 1837 is chiefly a record of texts and sermons together with occasional personal reflections. Several pages at the end of his Journal record the baptisms he performed from 1820 on, and marriages from 1788. Some of these were performed in New York City, but most in Elizabeth and other places in New Jersey. This record was carefully kept, and represents a rich source for genealogists.

Among Morrell's other papers are numerous sermons, Morrell family genealogical information, his military records from the American Revolution, his military pension petitions, resulting in a pension of \$375.80 per year, his Last Will and Testament, a letter from Francis Asbury dated Oct. 3, 1789, and his Certificate of Location April 18, 1806 signed by Asbury.

This present publication is devoted to a biographical essay placing Morrell in his time followed by an edited version of his Journals. The only materials omitted are the extensive lists of sermon's texts and dates preached. I have, however, included some of these to give the flavor of his manner of journalizing. In addition I have annotated a number of the persons and places mentioned in order to enhance the reader's appreciation and understanding of the Journal.

This research project is offered with the purpose of enlightening some aspects of our American Methodist history in our bicentennial year. Further, may it encourage all of us, as we remember our forebearers in the faith, to reflect upon our future as United Methodists.

Robert Drew Simpson,
Editor

THE REV. THOMAS MORRELL

*New Jersey Patriot and Preacher
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The Rev. Thomas Morrell was a unique combination. His leadership and courage found a ready market as an "officer-hero" in the American Revolution. His friendship with George Washington reflects the character of the man. But as the war ended Morrell's conversion to Methodism brought those same qualities of leadership and courage to focus in a distinguished career in the church. Ranging from New Jersey and New York to Charleston, South Carolina, Thomas Morrell, often plagued by illness, made a lasting contribution to Methodism as a preacher and polemicist.

Morrell's story began when his family sought a better business prospect and moved from New York City to Elizabethtown, New Jersey. In 1771, Thomas Morrell became his father's partner in a store on Water Street. His mother, although a Presbyterian, was a Methodist at heart. She had been a follower of Philip Embury, and one of the earliest members of the Methodist Society in New York City.

When the news of the Battle of Lexington reached Elizabethtown, it prompted a call for a company of militia. Thomas Morrell, at the age of 28, already a popular businessman, was a natural choice for captain. A call to action followed almost immediately. The Committee of Vigilance, learning of the approach of a British transport carrying military supplies, ordered four armed boats to attempt its capture. Captain Thomas Morrell commanded one of those boats. He made contact with the British transport about forty miles off Sandy Hook, N. J. With the men hidden below decks, the American boat appeared to be a pilot or fishing boat. As Morrell approached the British transport, his men poured on deck and took the "Green Mountain Valley" without the loss of a man. The transport was a rich prize, for it was carrying 12 guns, 40 men, and 400 tons of provisions to the British army in New York City. Captain Morrell and his men brought the prize home by way of Perth Amboy. This event may be one of the few instances of "naval" militia action in the Revolutionary War. Their daring was hailed among the Americans, and evidence of Morrell's competence and courage only encouraged his neighbors to look to him for further leadership. When in the summer of 1776, Washington was before Boston with ammunition in short supply, gun powder was brought from Pennsylvania and Maryland to Elizabethtown. Captain Morrell and two others, taking four wagons of ammunition, made their way through enemy country, delivering the shipment to the beleaguered American troops.

One incident in Morrell's life at this time gives a picture of the preacher to come. About the middle of June 1776, he received a regular Captain's commission from the Provincial Congress sitting in Trenton. He was given a warrant as well to raise a company of 78 effective men for five months service. His



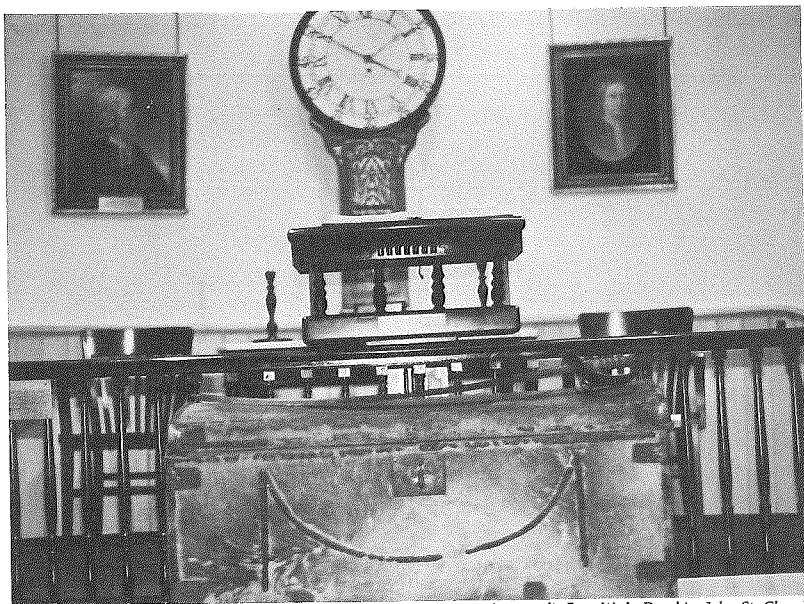
—Photo credit Rev. W. L. Danskin, John St. Church

MORRELL'S SWORD AND TRUNK WITH HIS PORTRAIT IN BACKGROUND.

order was to equip and train them, and then join General Washington in New York with the least possible delay. His technique for recruitment was unique. He persuaded the commandant of two militia companies to muster his men in front of the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church. The 29 year old Captain Morrell proceeded to make a persuasive patriotic address. At the conclusion, he gave his "altar call," inviting all who would come to the aid of their "bleeding country" to join him under his standard. In five minutes his company was more than filled.

By the 10th of July, Morrell's company had been ordered to Long Island under the command of General John Sullivan. They were attached to the New Jersey Brigade. On August 27, 1776, Thomas Morrell and his company were in advance of the main American force on the heights of Flatbush and received the first British attack. The company was nearly cut to pieces. Morrell, himself, was severely wounded, shot through the chest and shoulder and left for dead. Finally, he was carried by litter further behind the lines. Washington personally detailed six soldiers to carry him to his father's house in Elizabethtown. Because of the threatening approach of Lord Cornwallis and his army, he was moved again, this time to the home of the Rev. Jonathan Elmer, pastor of the Turkey (New Providence, N.J.) Presbyterian Church where he remained until he recuperated. This was just over the hill from his Uncle Jacob Morrell in Chatham, where Washington quartered briefly while

encamped in Morristown. After Morrell's recovery he was commissioned a Major of the 4th New Jersey Regiment in the Continental Army. He saw heavy action in the campaign of 1777 at Brandywine and Germantown. But Morrell's health was failing. Finally after a personal conference with General Washington, he was discharged from service. Morrell returned to Elizabethtown a hero and resumed his role as a local merchant.



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THOMAS MORRELL'S FIELD TRUNK AND SWORD AGAINST BACKGROUND OF THE 1767 PULPIT BUILT BY PHILIP EMBURY, THE WESLEY CLOCK, AND THE ALTAR RAIL INSTALLED IN JOHN ST. CHURCH 1785.

But the soldier of liberty in a few years became a soldier of the Lord. We can imagine that his Methodist mother's influence bore fruit. In the autumn of 1785, when the Methodist Episcopal Church was not yet a year old, Bishop Francis Asbury appointed the Rev. John Haggerty to visit Elizabethtown and establish the Newark Methodist Circuit. Haggerty made his headquarters at the Morrell home and began preaching to their neighbors and friends. Thomas Morrell, then 38 years old, was an eager hearer. He states that in October of that year: "I was awakened by the preacher, the Rev. John Haggerty; and in March of 1786 I received witness of God's Spirit of my acceptance. In June 1786 I began to preach in Elizabethtown and in several parts of that circuit." *M.S. Journal*.

Atkinson's *Memorial of Methodism in New Jersey* (pp. 319-20) describes one of Morrell's first preaching attempts, an attempt which nearly ended his career. It was during a visit to the home of his uncle, Jacob Morrell,* in Chatham, N.J., that same year. Thomas may have been the first Methodist preacher in that place. Atkinson writes of that occasion: "Having been an officer in the Army of the Revolution, and for several years subsequently a merchant in Elizabethtown, he was widely known and a very large assembly came to hear the "Major" preach, especially since he joined the sect everywhere spoken against." Apparently Morrell felt his efforts a total failure, for he decided that night to give up the whole idea of being a preacher. But the next morning while at breakfast with his uncle, one after another, people began arriving who had been "awakened" by his sermon. Having been raised under Presbyterian influence, the Methodist doctrine was new and attractive to them. Thomas Morrell's career as a Methodist preacher was launched. It was a career which was to lead him on unexpected and distant paths. His unpublished *Journal* outlines his beginning: "(In) March 1787 (I) began to ride as a traveling preacher and rode in Elizabethtown Circuit for 20 months with Robert Cloud. (At) the Conference in New York in 1788 was ordained a deacon, appointed to the Trenton Circuit with John Merrick and Jethro Johnson. At the June Conference in New York in 1789 I was ordained an elder and was appointed for that city with Brother Cloud who was with me for 12 months and Brother Merrick four months."

Morrell was now over 40 years old and had little preparation for his work. But his native intelligence and qualities of leadership earned him respect.

At the same Conference session at which Morrell was ordained an elder, Bishop Francis Asbury offered the proposal that an appropriate congratulatory message be presented to General George Washington, who had only four weeks before been inaugurated President of the United States. When the address was prepared and approved, Thomas Morrell was asked to make contact with Washington. In a letter to Ezekiel Cooper, August 26, 1827, he recalls the circumstances: "... concerning the address to General Washington, I can furnish you with every material circumstance respecting it, having acted as a sub-agent in the transaction . . . Mr. Dickens and myself waited on the general; and as I had had some personal acquaintance with him, I was desired to present him with a copy, and request his reception of the original by the hands of the bishops (Coke and Asbury). The president appointed the fourth succeeding day, at twelve o'clock, to receive the bishops. They went at the appointed hour, accompanied by Brother Dickens and Thomas Morrell. Mr. Asbury, with great self-possession, read the address in an impressive manner. The president read his reply with fluency and animation. They interchanged their respective addresses; and, after sitting a few minutes, we departed . . ."

*The home of Jacob Morrell in Chatham, N.J., was probably Gen. Washington's headquarters (63 Main St.) for two or three days in August, 1781. (Cunningham, J., *Chatham at The Crossing of the Fishawack*, p. 37. Thomas Morrell had already been personally acquainted with Washington before his uncle's friendship. It may be that Thomas was the mutual contact.

Morrell's letter notes that the address was printed in a local paper and soon other denominations followed the Methodists' example. Actually, whether Morrell knew it or not, the Methodists were not the first religious group to congratulate the newly inaugurated President. Two weeks earlier the German Lutherans of the Philadelphia area formally expressed their support. But the Methodist move was important—it was the first church-wide support pledged to the new President and the Constitution. It was especially significant that Methodists took this action for this new church was one fashioned out of the trial and persecutions of the Revolutionary War.

A manuscript Journal is the only record of Thomas Morrell's ministry during the period from June, 1789, through 1809. The materials in this Journal range from a meticulous record of texts and sermons preached to more descriptive notes covering an interesting journey with Bishop Asbury. In 1791-92 Morrell and Asbury traveled through Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina to Charleston, South Carolina, where Morrell remained as preacher-in-charge until June 17, 1792. His journal for this period reflects in an intriguing way the merchant in him as much as the preacher, for as he travelled Morrell described in interesting fashion the business and trade conditions in such places as Annapolis, Alexandria, and Fredericksburg. In Charleston on April 9, for instance, he noted that: "Green peas are now selling in the market 5/a peck—the first crop of peas over but cucumbers in great plenty."

While in Charleston, South Carolina, Morrell was thrust into serious controversy. William Hammett, a charismatic Methodist preacher in Charleston, made serious charges against Asbury, challenging his right to appoint preachers. Bishop Thomas Coke and Thomas Morrell were appointed to answer Hammett's charges in behalf of Methodism. Morrell's defense came in an article titled "Vindication of Truth Discovered." It was an extended controversy, flaring finally in open division which led to the formation of the Primitive Methodist Church under Hammett's leadership.

Morrell returned to New York City in November, 1792, and his stationed ministry continued there or in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, depending upon his health, for the years following. An interesting local note in Morrell's Journal for April, 1793, tells of the subscription being taken for the new Methodist Episcopal church in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. He described it as "a handsome building generally filled with hearers . . . it is reckoned the neatest Methodist Church on the continent of its size."

On November 30, 1794, Morrell became desperately ill in New York City. At the hands of Dr. Physick he underwent "3 bleedings, 15 purges, and 30 days of abstinence." Finally he went home to Elizabethtown on January 17, 1796, "to recuperate or die." Obviously he recuperated, more probably because he was beyond the reach of Dr. Physick and his remedies than for any other reason. Thereafter, Morrell preached mainly in New York City and Elizabeth until May, 1801. On February 22, 1800, while serving a brief stint in Baltimore, he wrote: "I preached the funeral of General Washington to a vastly crowded audience." The sermon was later printed. This was probably

one of numerous memorial services offered at the time of the first President's death.

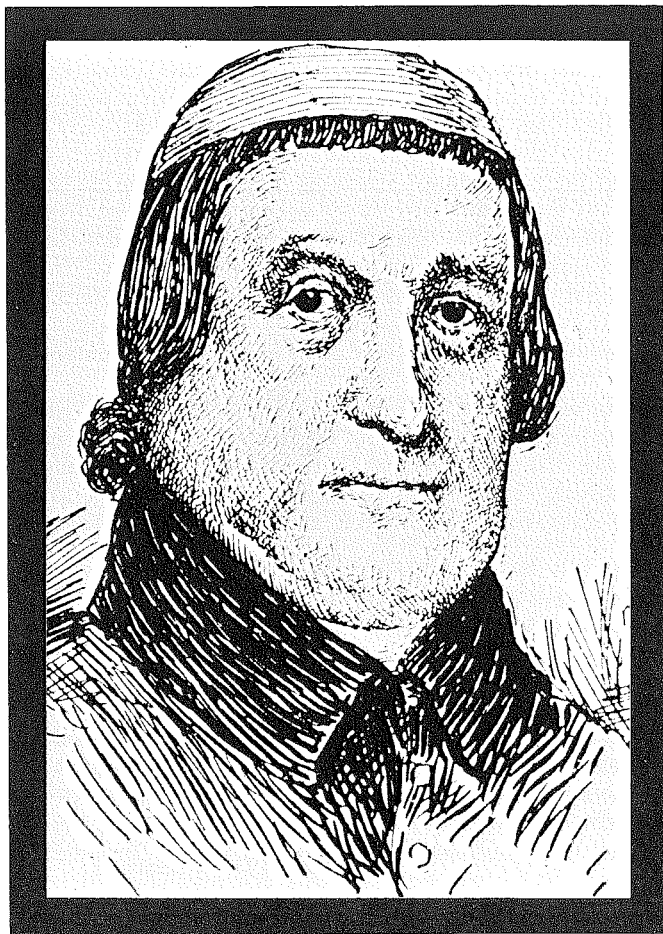
During July, 1803, while preacher-in-charge in New York City, his Journal describes the ravages of the "Yellow fever" epidemic. "After services on July 14th," he wrote, "we shut up John St. Church." By October, 50,000 people had fled the city including the Morrell family. Using the home in Elizabethtown as his base, Morrell ranged over the circuit preaching wherever opportunity occurred. Belleville, Newark, Bridgton, Turkey, and Chatham are mentioned in the Journal. Actually poor health forced his retirement from this time forward, but he continued preaching until 1835 when his health finally broke. He died three years later at the age of 91. The *New Jersey Annual Conference Journal for 1839* in a tribute to Morrell described his last days and expressed an appreciation for his ministry. The entry states: "In his last illness, which was protracted, he suffered much from soreness of throat and an asthmatic affection, but he suffered patiently, he suffered as a Christian, his last moments were those of heavenly peace and heavenly triumph, he died in the Lord.

"He possessed a strong and vigorous mind, which remained almost unimpaired by the infirmities of age, until the last. As a preacher he was talented and acceptable. His preaching was characterized by a boldness and energy peculiarly striking. 'He spoke as one having authority;' and God owned his word to the edification of the church, and conversion of many souls, but

His work is done, his labors o'er,
He suffers, toils, and weeps no more,
But shares an endless rest."

The vigor of Thomas Morrell's mind and the energy of his person, which marked him as patriot and as preacher, produced a significant contribution in his time to our nation and the Methodist Church. It is difficult to imagine that such a person could ever be at "endless rest." It is more believable that such a life force as Morrell was may be going on in some undiscovered dimension of God's Universe.

Robert Drew Simpson



THOMAS MORRELL
1747-1838

The Journal of the Rev. Thomas Morrell

In the month of October 1785 I was awakened by the preaching of the Rev Jno Hagerty, and in March 1786 received the witness of God's Spirit of my acceptance. In June 1786 I began to preach as a Local Preacher in Elizth. Town¹ & in several parts of that circuit. In March 1787 began to ride as a traveling preacher, and rode on Elizth. Town Circuit with Robert Cloud.² At the Conference in New York in October 1788 was ordained a Deacon & appointed to the Trenton Circuit, with John Merrick and Jethro Johnson. At the June Conference in New York 1789 was ordained an Elder & appointed for that City,³ with bror. Cloud who was with me 12 months & Merrick 4 months.

1789, N.Y. City — August

On the 11th of this month the first stone was laid of our new Church in New York and it was built with such rapidity that it was completely inclosed & the floor laid & ceiled by the 8th of November & I opened it from 2 Peter 5 to a crowded audience.

January, 1790 —

On the 4th of this month a revival began in the prayer meetings, and on the 12th it broke out in the Church & continued with some small intermissions until the latter end of February, in this time about 200 joined Society, perhaps about 400 were converted in 8 weeks, many of those joined afterwards & from this revival we may date the prosperity of our Church in New York — very few of them fell away. the most continue faithful members to this day. Feb. 1794.

February, 1790

In this month my throat became so sore, and my palate become so relaxed, I could preach but seldom. I bless the Lord it was in his work it came upon me. having great colds & preaching and exhorting I became so hoarse & my throat so inflamed that with great difficulty & pain I went through every public exercise. bror. Brush providentially came to this city this month or we should have been obliged to shut up one of the churches. to this very day Feby 1794 I have not recovered from my sore throat. when the inflammation subsided the parts were so relaxed that they have not yet recovered their proper strength, & perhaps never may in this world. I am content thro grace — The work began to abate a little this month but many were converted & the saints all alive to God.

April 1790. My throat so sore as to be unable to preach this month.

May 1790. my sore throat continued so as to hinder me from preaching.

November, 1790 —

On the 10th of this month I was taken with a violent inflammatory fever, and after recovering a little, being weak went to Eliz. Town and had a relapse & by

too much abstinence & watching with my father who had the pleurisy continued very weakly all winter and did not return to New York untill the latter end of april 1791 April 1791 4 John 14 GOD is a Spirit

November

on tuesday evening 1st preached my farewell Sermon in New York from 42 Genesis 36 "All things are against me" to a crowded house then went to Eliz. Town & tarried till 23 Novr. 1791. [There he preached twice and at a Quarterly meeting in Chatham, once.] I had now been 2 years & 5 months in New York and had at different times for Colleagues Robt. Cloud, John Merrick, Jacob Brush, William Jessop, Richard Whatcoat,⁴ & James Mann⁵ — these 2 last I left in N York. when I first went to that City there was about 300 in Society & I left upwards of 600.

I set out from Elizabeth Town on Monday 21st Novr 1791 to join Mr. Asbury, & came to Philadelphia the same evening. on Tuesday evening preached from 1 Epis Timothy 1 and 5. On Wednesday 23rd took stage for Cokesbury College⁶ arrived there on Tuesday 24th. On Thursday december 1st set out from the college and took a circuitous route to preach in several places & on Saturday december 3d arrived at Baltimore and preached from 1 Timy 1 chap & 5. . . & on the 5 I preached from "This is my friend —

1791 December 6th set out from Baltimore with Mr. Asbury for Charleston, and the winter proving uncommonly severe we had a very disagreeable journey. My throat was very sore the most of the way. by Mr. Asbury's appointments being circuitous we rode from Baltimore 1097 miles and arrived at Charleston 11th Feby 1792. at this Conference Beverly Allen was expelled publicly for Adultery. Mr. Hammet⁷ had under pretence of ill usage divided our Society at Charleston⁸ & preached in a separate place. I was so unwell as to be unable to proceed with the Bishop, so it was concluded I should tarry in Charleston as their preacher — which I did until the 5th of June 1792.

on the 5th of June 1792 embarked for New York had a boisterous passage of 19 days, and arrived at New York about 1st July. I joined while at Charleston 14 whites & about 40 blacks, some were awakened & converted while I labored there

[In a separate volume is a detailed account of the above as follows:]

Journal of Thomas Morrell

on Monday morning 21st Novr 1791 — Set of Elizth town in the stage and arrived at Phila in the evening at 7 oclock — lodged with bror Dickens — Stayed in Phila on Tuesday & preached in the evening on 1 Tim. 1-5 on Wednesday morning took stage & went to the head of Elk . . . on Thursday 24th arrived at Cokesbury about 11 oclock. This is a noble building 3 stories high — 100 feet in length & 40 in breadth . . . [? last figure not perfectly clear] Dr. Hall President . . . contains 54 students near 20 of them on whole or partial charity. There are 4 Teachers, Dr. Hall, Mr. Tate — Mr Blake — & Mr Toy

— it is now 1000 in debt. the expense of the charity boys comes to 500 — on Thursday decr 1st went from the College 14 miles & Mr Asbury Preached on be ye holy. Jos Cromwell exhorted — the name of the preaching house — Middle River Neck — Then went 5 miles to Mr. Galloway —

Friday decr 2 went to head of Middle River. Mr Asbury preached from 2 Jer 19, thine own wickedness shall correct thee — then went 5 miles to Mr Gash [illegible] an old disciple. Mr. Asbury preached in the way there.

Saturday decr 3 went to Evans 6 miles from Baltimore. Mr. Asbury preached — then went to Baltimore. I preached in the evening on 1 Timy 1-5. pure heart &c. . .

Sunday Mr. Asbury preached 3 Times this day with uncommon life, spirit & power — Twice in the Town & oncę at the point.

Baltimore is a flourishing Town, contains 9 places of worship. The Methodists have a large Church in the Town & about 700 members — They have another small Church about 1 mile from Town at the point & about 200 members — The River is Navigable up to the Town for Vessels of 200 Tons — but to the point Ships of any burden may come, it carries on a large foreign trade, and appears growing in population & commerce amazing fast. I suppose it increasing in numbers trade & Riches equal to any Town on the Continent and contrary to Mr. Morse description of its inhabitants, I found them a kind, loving hospitable people.

Tuesday, decr. 6, 1791 left Baltimore early in the morning and rode 30 miles to Annapolis the capital of Maryland. This City is small not ½ the size of Baltimore — has an elegant State house, an Episcopal Church of large Size & Elegantly built — also A Methodist Church but Small more blacks than whites in Society — perhaps 100 whites 200 blacks — The trade Small in this City — people of fashion trade mostly to Baltimore. Religion here — not very flourishing. Mr. Asbury preached here on 10 Romans "but they they have not obeyed the gospel" & tonight I am to preach. Mr. Asbury Set out this mor'g for Alexandria leaving me fulfill the appointment & follow him tomorrow to Alexandria — The weather is now cold for this climate, though not so Severe as at New York or Jersey — I preached at Annapolis from 16 Matt 28 Value of the Soul

Thursday morning 8 decr. Set of with bror. Cooper & Reed [?] for Alexandria. when we come to South River ferry 4 miles from Annapolis the wind was so high the ferry man would not put us over & the weather uncomfortably cold as much so as ever I felt at this season in any part of the Northern States. There is not the difference in climate especially when the wind is north west as many people imagine. not being able to cross the ferry disconcerted us entirely as we had then no prospect of reaching Alexandria to join Mr. Asbury, and I felt uneasy as I knew he would expect us and perhaps foreboding fears might possess his mind — we concluded to go round the head of ye river 8 miles. This we did and bror. Reed parting from us to attend his appointment bror. Cooper⁹ & myself reached Bladensburg a Small Town 12 miles from Alexandria here we were kindly entertained by a Sister Hoffman a pious old woman, a small number of the friends came to her house whom we

prayed with & exhorted to stand fast in the Grace of God — Friday decr. 9 early in the morning we set off for George Town Ferry which was recommended to us as the safest way. George Town is situated on the Potomack above the Eastern Branch contains about a 1000 inhabitants. is within the Jurisdiction of the Federal City Lying on the North east side of the Potomack. The Federal City itself is layed out 4 miles Square. The Streets intersecting each other at right angles like Philadelphia — it lies almost in the center of the Federal Jurisdiction — They have began to cut down timber & workmen contracting with for the public buildings — George Town hath two places of worship a Roman chapel and a Presbyterian meeting — When we came to George Town we found the River so hard frozen we could not pass. This increased our fears of getting to Alexandria during the extreme cold; having no alternative we left George Town & proceeded on the North Side of potomack down the river opposite to Alexandria. here we found the ferry boats had broken the ice & happily we got over & went to brother William Hickman where we were kindly entertained. I found Mr. Asbury had left this City early on Friday morning — but had left Bror. Bruce to accompany me. bror. Bruce is a kind man & presiding Elder — he desired and I consented to stay here over the Sabbath — & Monday set off to overtake Mr. Asbury — Alexandria is a trading City of some Size on the Potomack on the South Side, is noted for the fineness of its flour. The River navigable for the largest Ships. Flour its Staple for exportation I found Goods are dearer here than at N York.¹⁰ we have a Preaching here & 50 whites in Society — Mr. Page is here in the Church of England — N. B. George Town is navigable for ships also. There are four places of worship in Alexandria Church — Methodist, Quaker, Presbyterian & contains about 3000 inhabitants hitherto hath the Lord conducted us in safety blessed be his name the potomack at Alexandria is about two miles wide — preached at Alexandria on Sunday evening on Matt 8 - 2 & 5

Monday 12 decr. 1791. Stormed hard today rode in it 12 miles in company with bror. Bruce to a Mr Fowler he is Deistically inclined. his wife a Baptist. they entertained us kindly. I heard some of his objections to the truth of Revelation. they were feeble indeed & easily refuted — the weather again getting cold. I observed in this part of the country an amazing inattention to the Raising Vegetables a little turnips or cabbage being the only kind used.

Tuesday decr. 13 Rode to the Widow Walters 26 miles from Mr. Fowlers horses balled much in the way rode thro Dumfries — a Small Town of about 100 houses — Seems to be a trading Town

Wednesday decr. 14, 1791. Rode from the widow Walters thro Falmouth and Fredericksburgh The former on the North Side & the latter on the South side of Rappahanock River. Falmouth seems an inconsiderable place, but Fredericksburgh a place of great trade for its size probably contains 300 houses The River is navigable for small vessels of 8 feet water — Then rode to Tods Tavern 11 miles from Fredericksburgh — rode all this way without feeding, a great scarcity of Taverns in this State except in the Towns that deserves the name & their prices more intolerable than their fare — but this

one of Tods is a tavern equal to any in the Northern States & reasonable indeed — Then rode 9 miles making 35 today, to Stephens Tavern, here I was obliged to leave my horse out of doors having no Stable — my horse is somewhat lame, the snow that fell on Monday mixing with the sand made the horses Ball exceedingly, so they had hard work no feed, bad roads & long distance for these short days. here we purpose to stay all night & expect to reach Mr. Asbury (God willing) tomorrow. we stayed all night & slept in a room where the glass was nearly out of all the windows & had hardly any covering. tho we had hard fare they knew how to charge making us pay 2½ dollars.

Thursday decr. 15 Reached Dickinsons to Day where the Conference was held. here we found Mr. Asbury. The Conference was sitting consisting of about 14 Preachers Ira Ellis Presiding Elder. All was peace and Love. The Conference all put up at Mr. Dickinsons besides several Private Persons, a great expense yet cheerfully borne by him — Dickinsons is 15 miles from Stephensons and the country thinly settled so that we lost our way several times — here bror. O Kelly¹¹ also attended to wait on Mr. Asbury.

Friday decr. 16 Conference concluded this morning & Mr. Asbury Preached at 12 from 25 1 Kings 15 to 17 — I exhorted & there was a move — bror Kelly concluded & the stir continued — after Preaching we went to William Watkins 3 miles from Dickinsons here we shall stay all night

Saturday decr. 17 Rode down to Hanover (?) Town 26 miles from Watkins to a brother Anderson here we staid all night & on Sunday at 12 Mr. Asbury preached on "we handle not the word of God deceitfully." This Town contains about 100 houses & is a place of great trade tobacco principally its export its situation near pomonkey River — there seems little Religion in this place — we have had preaching here about 3 years & a small Society, the preaching was in the third story of a wheat Store the people behaved decently — after dinner we set off for Col. Claytons farther down the river 12 miles & arrived there about 6 (or 4) P. M. it rained some but we (thro mercy) Sustained little damage — here we staid on Sunday Night — and in coming to this place we passed thro Newcastle, a small village 4½ miles from Hanover — Col. Clayton is clerk of the county. belongs to our Society & received us with all possible Friendship

Tuesday decr. 20 rode from Col. Clayton's 25 miles to Richmond the Capital of Virginia which is a trading Town not so large as Alexandria Seated on James River its exports tobacco principally — 12 miles from Richmond there is large unexhaustable coal mines equal in quality to any imported can be bought in Richmond for 8 York currency a bushel by the quantity they are situated near a navigable River — we crossed James River over 2 bridges one built on frames the other a bridge on 15 boats as large as Scows. this last bridge is a toll bridge & high in the price a man & horse pays 1/. — On this i e South side of the river is Manchester a Small Town of trade there being several stores in it — here we stayed at bror John Cook — where I saw also bror Barker who was in York last Summer — Mr. Asbury preached this evening from 85 pm 8 verse — I exhorted also —

Wednesday dec 21 — set out from Manchester early this morning. the

roads very rough came to Petersburg about 2 p.m. — it is a Tolerable large Town built scattering is situated on Appomattox River is navigable up to the Town for boats of 30 & 40 Ton & empties into James River 10 miles below. exports great quantities of Tobacco. seems a place of considerable trade for its size. is not so large as Richmond or Alexandria — in coming to Petersburg we passed thro Osborn Town a small village 10 miles from Petersburg — from Richmond to Petersburg is 25 miles. Then rode 7 miles to bror James Curetons where we have put up for all night — how Good is God to protect us when travelling & to open the hearts & houses of Friends to receive us — the Lord reward them — we have now in company bro OKelly — Ellis — Minter — I observe in Virginia that the soil is not naturally strong, mostly sand. but in some places Stif clay. we have passed thro a great quantity of pine land these 2 days past — This state is the best for water carriage of any (perhaps) in America being intersected by so many large navigable rivers. The country people are plain mostly in cotton (except the weather is severe) of their own raising and manufacture it grows about a yard high — & is planted yearly

Thursday 22 Rode to a bror. Chaphels [?] 29 miles — & 6 miles on this side Lanes Church where the Conference is to be held —

Friday decr 23 Rode to Lanes Chapel 6 miles I preached from 16 Matt 26 — Conference began after Preaching & continued on Saturday when bror OKelly Preached & on Sunday Mr. Asbury Preached & I exhorted there was some moving among the people Conference rose on Monday afternoon all was peace & harmony in this Conference bror OKelly seems much in the spirit of peace & was very friendly to Mr. Asbury & myself. Some of this Conference appears to be men good understanding & very deep piety. particularly bror. Anderson . . . Aiken [?] Easter & some others bror Ira Ellis accompanied us to the Conference & in my opinion is of as good understanding as any preacher I have seen in the South — I observe the people in Virginia are fond of noisy meetings particularly the blacks their noise appears too mechanical tho at times attended with power. Religion hath not increased this year in this District owing partly to the Divisions of last year — the preachers of this district bear a good testimony against Slavery & many of our people have liberated their Negroes — & left off distilling Spirits out of cyder. the dwelling houses of the people of the country have very little furniture, only those things that are absolutely necessary. The soil I still observed to be light & sandy

Monday afternoon 26 we rode to a bror Philip Davis 5 miles from Lanes here we stayed all night a very friendly good man & kind family —

Tuesday december 26 Rode from our kind bror Davis to bror Blounts 25 miles here is a Methodist Church the family are very kind we rode all the way without stopping — the blacks this season having holiday make a good appearance, better than I have before seen, for in the houses of some the young blacks are shamefully destitute of shoes & stockings — the Virginians in general that I have conversed with know little of agriculture very few of them manuring their lands or sowing grass seed — but plow a light poor soil & get small crops. I have got to be something of a Virginian eating dinner at 4

oclock & find I can do well on two meals a day — Mr. Asbury something unwell this evening riding against an easterly wind all day but the Lord preserveth — blessed be his Name —

Wednesday decr. 27. Mr. Asbury preached & administered the Sacrament at Blount Church to a numerous audience he preached the most humorous I ever heard him. I exhorted after him but my throat very sore — after meeting rode to a bror. Philips 7 miles Mr. Asbury preached Stayed all night with this kind & loving bror. — it is observable that on the the great Rivers, Potomac & — the great men live — but higher up the People are neither rich nor poor, much like a Jersey farmer, the land generally Poor mostly pine Land —

Thursday december 28 rode to bro Cowlings 12 miles Mr. Asbury Preached; immediately after we rode thro Suffolk 8 miles from preaching and continued thro the Town & rode on 6 miles in the night which was very cold to the Widow powels where we stayed all night, this evening ride I caught a heavy cold which affected me all over in the morning I was so stiff & all my bones aaked particularly the Sciatica in my hips so that I could hardly turn in my bed.¹² I rose & after breakfast we set off & continued 12 miles to Mackay a kind scotsman where Mr. Asbury Preached a very lively sermon. Mr. Mackay was got to bed the evening before & very happy — eve set of directly after Preaching & eating a light dinner for Portsmouth — this Town stands on Elizabeth River — is a place of some small Trade, but its prosperity is swallowed up by Norfolk which stands on the Eastern side of the same River is something larger than Portsmouth & of considerable trade. here vessels are built & Lumber & corn & tar & turpentine & tobacco form its exports — in Norfolk there are an Episcopal Church — also one in Portsmouth. . . . I am better this day (Saturday) & expect to write to New York from this place the distance from chesapeak is 15 miles — Elizabeth empties into James River near where it enters the Chesapeak — we stay at bror. Strattons a very kind friendly man.

Sunday January 1 - 1792. Mr. Asbury Preached this morning at Portsmouth from 65 Isaiah 1 & 2 — dined at bror Jefferson a Local preacher, after dining we crossed the River to Norfolk. Mr. Asbury preached at 3 O Clock from "repent & be converted" — in the evening I preached from 5 Song 16 verse . . . both times the house was crowded & the people seemed affected — Norfolk appears to be the best harbour I have seen in Virginia. The water is deepest on the Portsmouth side of the river and except some accidental circumstances should intervene perhaps it may flourish more in future than Norfolk tho at present Norfolk carries all the trade — here is a greater number of shipping in this Harbour than I have seen in all the towns of Virginia, and goods are sold cheaper here than at Alexandria by 10 p cent — at eleven oclock on Monday morning we crossed the river again to Portsmouth.

Tuesday January 3d 1792. This morning exchanged horses with bror Jeremiah Minter who is going to the West Indies and gave him 10£ between my horse & his and at 11 oclock left Portsmouth and rode up again to bror Mackay on the road to Suffolk as Mr. Asbury's appointment in North Carolina are made by mistake two days sooner than he ordered we are obliged

to take the straitest road there lest we are out of season — this night Mr Asbury preached from "be not weary in well doing" —

Wednesday Jan'y 4. Rode from Mackay to the hospitable widow Powels a blessed woman alive to God. Mr. Asbury preached from "and they made light of it." he divided the sermon into 3 parts 1 what they made light of — 2 who made light of it and 3 the consequences. he being unwell only spoke to the 1st head and left me the other 2 heads to finish. I accordingly did — Some of the Rich & great was out to hear but no impressions seemed to be made on them — Stayed here all night —

Thursday Jan'y 5. . 1792. Rode thro Suffolk down to a Col. Baker at Knotty point, & this Ride carried us into the State of North Carolina This day we rode 35 miles, my new horse does very well. Mr Asbury preached at night & I exhorted. it Rained hard from about 3 oclock I found I have taken cold —

Friday Jan'y 6. 1792. Rode this day from Col. Baker & crossed Winns Ferry — then rode 7 mile to a bror Winns — here we stay all night the people very kind — today we met 8 or 9 large droves of hogs which come from N. Carolina into Virginia. there being no sale for their corn they turn it into pork. the price is three dollars pr hundred — I have observed that all the way I came thro Virginia the Land is mostly pine land & tho it raises corn yet but a small yield compared to the Northern States — the people are not so industrious as they might be, and this is owing to the number of blacks they possess — surely the Lord will visit them for their cruel treatment of their negroes — The few Methodists that have Slaves treat them with more humanity — today I saw for the first time a Tar kiln & the reeds growing in a Swamp. I find myself this evening pained in all my bones particularly in my hips — my throat in a poor state

Saturday Jan'y 7 1792 — rode from bror Wins today to Col. Campbells who lives on the banks of Chowan River a few miles from Albemarle Sound. 14 miles from Edenton — The Col was gone to Newbern we dined there. here we left Doc Graham who came with us from Col. Bakers — then we rode to the widow Hardies making 26 miles today it rained hard & steady all day. yet thro mercy I caught no cold. I found the benefit of my oil Cloth Cloak today as it was cold as well as rainy — here also came bror Dawley the preacher of this (Bertie) circuit

Sunday 8 Jan'y 1792 Mr. Asbury Preached I was very poorly all day with a slow fever — took some paregoric & slept well and felt better — on Monday the 9th which was ushered in by a severe snow storm in which we set out for Lockhart ferry 12 miles when we came there we found a small scow very leaky. we sailed from a small deep creek 1½ miles much confined and horses very uneasy — the scow made water as fast as we could bail it out. The 2 negroes who rowed were almost frozen. we came from the creek into Cushi River near the head of Albemarle Sound; then into Ronciah [?] up this River 2 miles making 5 miles in this uncomfortable boat. I expected we should lose our horses overboard as the wind was high. Here I take my leave of Roanah ferry at this place — never more to cross it in this scow — after landg we lost our way & rode tho very cold in the night to bror Ward. I think I felt a

thankful heart for the deliverance of this day — we was also near pamlico by coming this upper road we missed Cunituck. pamlico & Edenton all long ferries & the roads under water we found that much more snow had fallen here than at Roanah and turning to sleet and rain & clearing up cold, the whole country was a sheet of ice our horses being smooth we were in great danger and was obliged to ride mostly in the woods, and at the runs to creep over and lead our horses. This was slow & tiresome work as well as very dangerous to our horses. in some places when we came to a plantation we were obliged to crawl along holding fast by the fence to prevent falling (I caught three this day) after 15 miles we came to a creek (called Sapney) here I thought we would be entirely at a stand. the creek was wide and to appearance very deep and frozen on each side with thick ice up to the channel. had I been alone I should certainly have turned back, but Mr. Asbury ever fruitful in invention & quick in execution; with a fence rail undertook to break the Ice. in some measure he succeeded, and then mounting the little horse rode in and with a club broke into the channel. I then endeavored to put in my horse but he refused to enter the creek. Mr. Asbury then mounted his big horse but being on a side hill & my horse uneasy, the large horse slipt down and Mr Asbury slipt off — happily he was not hurt. he then mounted the little horse & rode thro the very keep so as nearly if not quite swim his horse. next he came back on his hands and knees over an icy log and put in the big horse mine now followed. the big horse did not take the right course & went into the deepest water, mine being much frightened & ungovernable followed which brought me against the ice, and making a plunge went almost beyond his depth, wetting me half leg deep & when over ran into the woods with me. I was afraid he would have torn my cloaths & face among the trees. Mr. Asbury then crawled over as before. happily (thro mercy) no damage was sustained. then rode till dark & very slippery, and coming to a side hill near to the house we were bound to. but not being able to cross the side hill we turned into a field. This was so glazed we were at a stand. we left our horses & took to the fence. after some time we got to the house (not of a very promising appearance) the negro went and brought our horses — this day was pregnant with difficulties, but the Lord preserved us — I have forgot to mention that this day we crossed tar river at Lemons ferry.

Tuesday Jan'y 17. rode 15 miles to a kind bror. Hunts. The roads as yesterday very icy and dangerous —

Wednesday Jan'y 18th This morning was ushered in by a snow storm this covering the ice so that could not be discovered rendered the traveling so dangerous we could not set out. In the afternoon we rode to Mr. Green Hills —

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Sunday. Conference was held at Green Hills a kind brother one mile from Louisburgh, a small Town which chiefly exports tobacco — contains about 50 houses. The weather was excessive cold so that the whole earth was covered with ice & as slippery as a frozen mill pond — no smith could be found in our rout, so we walked and rode occasionally as we could — While at Conference I caught a heavy cold attended with a fever — This Conference began, continued and ended in much love. I preached on

Saturday from 46 pm 4 — Mr. Asbury preached on Sunday, but it snowed hard — such a winter hath not been known here this 16 years — the weather equally as cold as in Jany for a fortnight — Together no thawing weather in the sun at midday —

Monday 23 Jany 1792 The weather very cold. This morning I bartered my oil cloths for a blue cloth cloak. This I esteem providential, as I was very unwell, and the weather uncommon cold. rode this day to old Mr Bruce father to Elder Bruce. I was almost gone when we got there suffering with cold . . . staid all night. Suffered cold — was very sick on Tuesday when we set out for Tomkins Church. Mr Asbury Preached. I staid in the dwelling house — then rode 12 miles to a cabbn where bror Spurges [?] lived. here we made out to sleep I felt better in the morning blessed be God

Wednesday. Jany. 25 — rode to Minets [?] Church. Mr. Asbury preached on the kingdom that cannot be shaken then we rode to a kind widow Barbie The weather moderates a little to day and I feel better —

Thursday Jany 26 — Rode 12 miles to Cole's Meeting house in Chatham County, within 2 miles of Hyco River Mr Asbury preached tho unwell. bror Magie and I prayed. my throat sore & stiff then rode 6 miles to bror Snipe the weather somewhat warmer to day — I feel unwell tho better than yesterday —

Friday rode this day 30 miles without stopping by half after one — Mr. Asbury preached "This is the Victory our Faith" — Cold weather still. no glass in the houses we are now 180 miles from the Sea board near Hillsborough . . . no pines, but oaks The country a red clay. and hilly like the land above Morristown. Some stone. we forded Haw River to day a very rocky bottom tho not very deep are now at bror Reanys — 20 miles from Hillsborough 150 houses

Saturday rode this day 34 miles to a Mr. Bell thro a hilly country like Morris County . . . a very kind Presbyterian step Father to bror Magie. we are now near 200 miles west from Newbern no pines here The country good, but cold like the Northern States — Dr. Armour who is with us is poorly — none of us entirely well —

Sunday 29 Jany Mr. Asbury preached by grace are ye saved — I exhorted — the people were attentive — Mr. Bell and his wife very kind. they live near deep River — here we purpose to stay to night — we have to ride 50 miles to morrow

Monday Jany 30 1792. set out this day in a great storm of Hail after we had about 10 miles it turned to a heavy rain so that my cloak was wet through. we stopped at 17 miles at one Coles, and endeavoured to dry our clothes. Then set of and rode 12 miles to a Baptist 2 miles from the road the people seem kind — we were wet & hungry. Yesterday I was taken with a Lax [?] — to day better and the riding in a storm all day feel no worse — blessed be the Lord for preserving mercy —

Tuesday Jany 31 1792 — Rode to one (on from) Mr. Spencer. to a bror Clark, on little River on the banks of which we have travelled all day. The sky cleared about 1 oclock the weather warmer — we hope it may continue. the country we rode through to day a mere wilderness Saw but 3 houses & these

only cabbins The soil appears good. The country hilly & broken rode 30 miles without stopping. we are now near the boundary line between N & S Carolina

Wednesday 1 Feby 1792 — rode this day to McDaniel Church. 17 miles Mr Asbury preached 13 Acts 38 [?] and I exhorted, about 50 attended — This is in Richmond County 200 miles from Newbern — then rode 3 miles to a Col Williams. his wife is in Society, he received us very kindly — the weather is some what warmer — I feel better . . . Dr. Armour poorly — the snow is gone but very muddy

Thursday 2 feby. Rode 12 miles to Knight [?] Church — these churches are built of logs all open in cracks & very uncomfortable. Mr. Asbury preached then rode 10 miles to a widow Gordons where I preached from Bartimeus — a good Congregation and serious. The weather is warmer & the roads better — I have a bad cold to day we heard a bad Report of B- A- . . . met to day bror J. Jackson

Friday. rode to Beauty Spot on great Peedee River. Mr. Asbury preached and I exhorted . . . Then Rode to friend 10 miles. it began to rain this Night I feel unwell this morning here we found Elder Humphreys & several preachers. we heard W. H. has made a split in Charleston

Saturday 4 feby rode to bror Prior to Quarter Meetg — Mr. Asbury preached on Sunday it Rained — on Sunday I preached from "The Little City" — a good time at love feast Rode on Sunday evening to bror Tarts a gracious good soul —

Monday 6 feby - 1792 . . . Rode 12 miles to Lowers Church on Cat fish — Mr. A. Preached a very lively Sermon from Rev. 21. 6. 7. 8. — Then Rode three miles to a kind sister widow Godbold — a loving sister indeed — my throat sore the weather is now warm like our middle of May. The ground is settled

Wednesday feby 8. This morning it Rained hard. we waited till 11 oc. but no cessation we set out and rode 25 miles without stopping. Then ferryyed over peedee. to a kind widow post

Thursday feby 9. Set out from widow Posts rode & ferryyed over linck ferry & crossed this day black river ferry & continued on to George Town 40 miles to day — This Town is seated on Santee contains about 150 houses is navigable for ships is a place of some trade. 3 publick places of Worship. I preached 16 Matt 26

Friday. Set of for Charleston rode 50 miles this day was much fatigued & caught cold.

Saturday Reached Charleston — Charleston is about 1/3 as large as N York the building not elegant in General. The inhabitants dressy — and appear fond of parade — have little appearance of Religion — not even behaving with decency Goods sell here very high — their beef poor & water poor — our church here 40 by 60 & well finished — I am unable to preach The Conference here all love . . . Beverly Allen expelled — I have consented to stay till June among these people. may the Lord bless my feeble labors to them — I preached to acceptance on Sunday 12th Instant & mean to preach twice a week

Tuesday 20 feby. This day uncommon weather — a snow from the N. E.

which fell 7 inches deep & very cold. the like not known here for 25 years
 2 March the Peach trees in full bloom & on the 4th as warm as our June —
 on the morning of the 3d of March (by desire) I preached in honor of Mr.
 Wesley Memory to a large congregation. it being the anniversary of his death
 from 112 Psalm & 6 verse
 Sunday March 12th preached in the morning from 14 Luke 26 — & in the
 evening from 10 Matt 26 Three black women were awakened under these ser-
 mons & joined Society the next day —
 Sunday March 19. Preached in the morning from 2 Cor. xii. 9 — in the
 evening from 4 Song 16. Congregations nearly doubled — this night it
 lightened and thundered very hard all night — veal & lamb are sold here at this
 season
 Sunday April 8. Preached 3 times to day & baptized 12 adults & 2 children
 — was unwell in the morning. but God supplied strength
 April 9 green pease are now selling in the market 5/. a peck. Last week the
 first came & sold at 10/. then 8/. Notwithstanding fine gardens may be made
 here but few cultivate them.
 May 8 pease now 1/6 a peck
 16 first crop of pease over but cucumbers in great plenty
 19 potatoes of this year now plenty.
 Tuesday morning 5th June I embarked on board the sloop polly Capt
 Folger & came over Charleston bar about 3 oclock P. M. . was some what
 Qualism [?] all this night we have 19 passengers — who seem to be civil peo-
 ple.
 Saturday 23 arrived at New York about 2 P.M. . . . Thus hath GOD
 preserved me by land & sea & brot me in some measure of health to my
 friends & acquaintance
 Tuesday 26 went to E. Town & found my parents well . . . I wish to feel a
 thankfull heart and always to praise GOD for his mercy to unworthy me.

Names of Persons to write to in C
 Edgar Wells & Co Broad Street
 John McDowel — Mrs. Patton
 Mrs. Sarah Myers — John Hughes 2 amen Street
 William Adams — Eli Marlow Mrs.
 Waggoner daughter. Jesse Cox — George Milner
 Mack Moore — Mrs. Quirey —
 Mr. Sutherland — Capt Manning

Travelling Medicines

a few emetics — 1 box of andersons pills — 4 oz bark — 1 vial bapum [?]
 of life — 1 d°. balsam of honey. 1 or 2 oz paragoric. 1 essence of pepper
 mint. 2 oz comp sp lavender — 2 oz Rhubark 4 oz salts — a piece of
 diaubum [?] — castor oil — camphor & camphorated spirits hartshorne.

on the 5th of June 1792 embarked for New York had a boisterous passage of
 19 days, and arrived at New York on the 23d went to Elizth Town & returned
 to New York about 1st July — I joined while at Charleston 14 whites & about
 40 blacks, some were awakened & converted while I labored there

[In list of texts for July he mentions funeral of Mrs. Ashton at N. C. Also
 says: Preached in this month at Elizth Town.]

1792 Conference began 25 aug & ended 3 September appointed again for New
 York with Lemuel Green¹³ & George Strebeck.¹⁴

1792	New York	September
4 John	14	well of water 2d
1 Cor 6	19	not your own
9 Zach	12	Prisoners of hope
9 Luke	42	Devil tare him
13 Zach	1	Fountain opened 2d

In Eliz. Town this month

1 John 3	10	children of God
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1792	October	
7 Mark	32	deaf & dumb 2d
1 Timy	1	end of command. 2

N.C.

Set out this month for the General Conference arrived in Phia. 29th and
 preached

9 Zach	12	prisoners of hope
9 Luke	42	devil tare him

Arrived at Baltimore 2d November

The General Conference consisting of 116 traveling preachers began on
 the 2d and ended on the 15th. Doctor Coke presided James O Kelly declined at
 this Conference as he lost his favorite question Viz a right of appeal from the
 appointment of Mr Asbury . . . We made some useful alterations in our dis-
 cipline. I preached there from 2 Cor. 4. 7 Earthen Vessels . . . Returned by the
 stage to Elizabethtown 23d & preached the "devil tare him. Came back to New
 York 26th November 1792

April, 1793

In this month went with a Subscription for the New Church in Eliz Town &
 happily succeeded. they have erected one 40 feet square a handsome building

and is generally filled with hearers on Sunday mornings, and is reckoned the neatest Methodist Church on the Continent of its size.

July, 1793

On the 26th of this month I was taken with a remitting fever which terminated in a bilious cholic and was brought very low so that my life was despaired of. but the Lord raised me. Conference began 26th of august & ended 4th september. I was very weak all the Conference and was appointed again for New York for 6 months & the other 6 to go to Philadelphia. did not preach all the month of august but recovering I began on Sunday 8th of September in August the Malignant fever began to rage in Philadelphia & continued till October. 4000 fell victims to it —

1793	New York	September
10 hebs	19	having boldness N C
14 Num	24	my servant Caleb
3 Jonah	5	a fast day sermon
4 John	14	drinketh of this water 2d N C
37 pm	4	delight thyself 4
9 John	4	Works of him 2d N C

On the 20th of this month there was a day of fasting and prayer in New York in every church. such a solemn day was perhaps never seen in this city the churches were all crowded. our burying yard was full & the houses adjacent. I preached from 3 Jonah 5. a most solemn season indeed. 3 that I know of were awakened. The occasion of the fast was to intreat the Lord to put a stop to the Malignant disorder in the City of Philadelphia. we had prayers at 6 in the morning. preaching at 10 A M at 3 and 6 oclock P M.

November, 1793

9 Zach	12	prisoner of hope 2d N C
31 pm	14	Oh that my people 2d
5 Matt	4	blessed mourners
6 Jno	48	bread of life 2d N C
1 Psalm	—	throughout — 2d
10 Numb.	29	journeying 2d N C

On the 14th of this month bror Daniel Smith¹⁵ and Evan Rogers came to my assistance in this city. before they came I had hard labour & was obliged to employ the Local preachers.

N. B. This was my last sermon in New York preached on Sunday afternoon in the old church, March 23, 1794 — On Thursday evening the 27th we had our

love feast, a gracious time — On friday 28th I left the City and came to Eliz. Town, having been stationed in York from June 1789 to March 1794 near five years. Blessed be GOD for the gracious assistance he gave me in preaching to that kind and loving people, and I desire to be humbled under a sense of God's goodness to me in owning and blessing my labours to them. When I first entered on my Station there I found about 300 members and when I left them above 850 this great work hath GOD wrought and the glory be ascribed to him. I left Daniel Smith and Evan Rogers as preachers there.

I found my brother Abraham Morrell very sick and declining daily with a consumptive disorder. sometimes in his sickness he had clear visions of Jesus and at other times his mind was clouded and his evidence obscured, and during the last three or four days of his illness his mind considerably deranged. I sat up with him the last night he lived which was monday 14th April. At half past ten at night he spoke sensibly and said — Now I know my Redeemer liveth — Rejoice evermore — come life or death I am ready — why not now Lord — Oh for a heart to praise my Lord — After this clear and assured Testimony his mind was deranged most of the night — Yet once he asked me to pray and understood the most I said. In the morning I went to lie down but was called up directly as he was dying. I heard him commit his soul to GOD with fervor, the Lord in mercy giving him the clear exercise of his reason — he said let us die praying — Oh love — love — love I kneeled down & prayed but fainted away when I recovered he was in prayer and breathed his last without moving hand or foot without a sigh or groan. He died on Tuesday morning 15th April 1794 at 5 minutes after seven. He was Born 8 August 1753 and aged 40 years 8 months & 7 days, and was the only bror. I had living. thus one is taken and an older left, . . . I hope thro mercy and grace to die praying and praising as he did, and to meet him in Heaven where I have no doubt he now is . . . he left a wife and five children to mourn his loss . . . On Thursday 17th a funeral sermon was preached at his late dwelling House by the Revd. Menzies Raynor from 1 Epistle John 2 chapter and 17 verse, and at four o'clock his remains was laid in the family vault in the Presbyterian Church Yard in Elizabeth Town.

While I was at Elizth Town I preached from the following texts.

- 2 Cor. VI-1 Receive not grace in vain
- 13 Acts 58 forgiveness of Sin
- 6 John bread of life
- 2 Thess. 3-5 Lord direct your hearts.
- 8 Roms. 29 all things work for good.

On Monday the 28 April 1794 set out in the Mail Stage and having rode all night arrived at Philadelphia on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, and caught a violent cold, but preached that evening in the upper church to a large congregation. a fever came upon me next day but thro mercy I recovered in a few days, and began my ministry in Philadelphia —

1794	Philadelphia	June
14 John	23	Keep my Words L. C.
2 Cor. 12	9	my grace sufficient u
4 Jno.	14	drinketh u
8 roms	16	Witness of Spirit L
2 Acts 1 to	4	day of Pentecost u
6 Micah	8	shewed thee O man u
14 Jno	4	I am the way L
13 Matthew	...	Parable of the sower u
37 pm	4	delight thyself L
19 Matt.	27	Forsaken all u
2 Eps	10	his workmanship L
10 Num.	29	Journeying u
1 Pet. 2	5	lively stones African
		Church 29 June

Mr. Asbury came here this month & left the City on the 30th. The weather remarkably cold & much rain this month. My throat frequently inflamed. Our Congregations are increasing and appear solemn.

8 Matt	3	Leper u
4 hebs	2	word not profit u
2 Phils	5	mind of Xt. L
1 Cor. 3	23	all things are yours u
1 Coloss.	21	hath reconciled do

The month of July was uncommonly cool the wind being generally eastwardly. I caught frequent colds in my head, so that I am some little deaf in my right ear. Our Congregations are very large on Sunday evenings.

1794	Phildelphia	August
2 Coloss	6	received Xt walk in him L
2 Song	16	my friend u
3 Titus 5 to	7	Washing of regeneration L
16 Luke	31	one rose from the dead u
2 Timy 2	26	Snare of the devil do
6 John	49	Xt compared to manna L
8 romans	28	all work for good u
1 Ephes	14	believed & sealed do
8 Song	5	cometh from Wilderness do
15 Luke	...	Lost sheep L
10 Mark	29	Bartimeus u

On the 24th went to Radnor Q. meeting & preached from 4 hebs 2, and 2 Ep. Thessalonians 3-5 — had a good time at the love feast, tho I got very wet yet I caught no cold. Saw Bror Cloud at this meeting who on account of his family could travel no longer.

1794	Philadelphia	September
3 lamen	26	good for a man to hope U. c
3 revels	20	behold I stand do
5 Matt	3	Poor in spirit L
2 Peter 1	4	Precious promises U. C.
10 John	27	My sheep hear my voice L
7 hebs	25	Able to save to the uttermost u

On Wednesday evening the 3rd we had a love feast a good time I believe to every soul. On Wednesday the 10th a love feast in the African Church a remarkable lively time. On Sunday 14th made our quarterly collection which amounted to 70 dollars. they used to collect about 24 dollars at such seasons before I came here. Set off on Monday 15th and arrived at my Fathers in Elizabethtown on tuesday, and continued there till the 22nd then went to the Conference at New York & preached there from 4 hebs 15 & 16 on wednesday evening and made a collection for the relief of the distressed Preachers on the Frontiers & collected 97½ dollars, on the next Sunday morning preached in the New Church from 2 Phil 12 and 100½ dollars were collected there for the same purpose & in the afternoon at the old church from 2 Epis. Peter 1 and 4th & the collection was renewed again there and 72 dollars were collected making in the whole in that city 270 dollars. Our conference then had some warm talk, and bror D. Smith located. Bror Brush also. this last from bodily weakness. Left New York on Monday the 30th and came to Elizabeth Town, continued there till 3d of October. My parents were as well as usual. Set out on the 3rd and arrived at Philadelphia on the 4th Mr. Asbury came in the same day. Conference began on the 6th and continued and concluded in love on the 10th. I was stationed again in Philadelphia, where I hope the blessing of God will accompany my poor labors if I am spared. a few persons have died of the malignant fever this month. It has raged violently in Baltimore. But we hear it is abated.

October, 1794

The malignant fever which had been at Baltimore stopped this month.

On the last day of this month Mr. Brazier one of Mr. Hammets preachers came to this city. he had been in New York but could do nothing he has begun to build a church here aided by a Mr. Brodie a shouting Methodist. if he is a good man & preacher from a pure intention I wish him success. — 1795 Mr. Brazier was obliged to sell his church & he since turned Baptist

Previous to my preaching this last sermon which was on 30th November, I had a bad cold and the exertions I made in preaching brought on a violent inflammatory fever I took a dose of castor oil but found no relief. on monday evening I sent for Doctr Physick who bled me freely, on Tuesday 3 took 10 grains of Calomel which brought on an intermission, but my fever returned of nights. I then took salts 3 times this week without effect

My fever still returned. I took bark & still without effect. the Doctr. aprised me there was something in the air which prevented bark from curing even intermittents, they could only be removed by bleeding & purging; still continuing ill, I took on Saturday 13 decr. another dose of Calomel which operated powerfully & brot a copious discharge, the next day 14th decr I took sulphur. 15 I took sulphur again. it is now 16 decr. & I feel very weak. during those 16 days I have lived on roasted apples & potatoes once only eating a little food; I am now sure my disorder proceeds from weakness. Wednesday and thursday the 17 & 18 I thought & so did the doctor that my disorder was gone & he left off coming, in consequence on Friday 19th I eat some boiled fowl, drank some porter & at evening eat some mince pie, but at twelve at night was taken with a chill & succeeded by a fever. notwithstanding this I took bark on Saturday morning & eat meat for dinner which brought on an increase of fever. I took salts two nights which allayed the fever, but on Sunday night it Returned feel poorly on Monday morning, some pain in the head, was bled this night rested tolerably tho have a fever at nights, middling all day on tuesday 24th but at night my fever returned. all medicine seems in vain now but the Almighty Physician can recover my complaint. Oh! Lord sanctify it to my soul prepare me to live or die! I desire to commit soul and body to GOD. I want more deep submission to GOD will. Thursday 25th out a riding felt my fever coming on at 4 o'clock a dose of salts which allayed the fever. slept well this night. friday 26 feel very weak this morning, walked a little out as far as Market Street, think both the Doctor & myself are mistaken, Lord direct to proper means. . . . Sent for Dr. Rush he agreed with Dr Physick¹⁶ my disorder was still an acute inflammatory intermittent. took Calomel & by Dr Rush advice purged it off by Castor oil, was bled copiously on Sunday night the 20th. Slept well. sent for the Doctor on Monday he pronounced my disorder now for the first time to proceed from weakness. felt tolerably on tuesday. Slept well. — on Wednesday Dr Rush agreed with my Doctor says I shall recover by gentle diet & exercise & still recommends the use of nitre. On the Friday night preceding being the 26th decr. the New German Lutheran Church took fire & burnt this was the largest church in this City. I looked out at my window & probably caught some cold — I attribute the removal of the inflammation in my blood entirely to the Lord. For 3 bleedings, 15 purges or more & 30 days abstinence would not do it. —

1 Jan. 1795. felt very weak but no fever slept well at night took nitre all day. — If the Lord spares me this year, I hope to be more engaged, more simple of

heart & if able to Preach I trust more useful. Lord give me more grace. I feel I am a poor creature without divine aid. Friday no fever but weak — continued mending slowly every day, but at nights sometimes had a Bowel fever, but blessed be GOD better on the whole it is now Sunday 10th. I hope thro mercy next Sunday to go to church. . . . Preached on the 17th with great weakness did not preach again until 1st Feby (and again on the 7th) having a complaint in my bowels but began to mend & get strength but by imprudence in eating brot on my fever again on the thanksgiving day of the 19th. am still poorly my mind confused Oh Lord help me, save both soul & body was apparently getting better again & tho I thought I used prudence in eating & drinking yet had too earnest a desire to get well soon, & tho I eat little at a time, yet by eating too often & drinking porter I brot on a second relapse on wednesday 4th march. Dr. Physick is sick, I walked to his home on Thursday, on friday night I took Ipecac & am very weak.

I decline daily. I am ready now to give up all hope of my recovery. Lord have mercy on my soul. My confidence is not so strong in the Lord as it has been. Lord strengthen me

I purpose tomorrow to send for Dr Rush if not better. Lord direct him — I feel very poorly, think without relief I cannot stand it many days. Oh God give me the light of thy countenance —

Sunday march 8th. Dr Rush came said I had some fever proposes to lay a small blister on each wrist to night may the Lord bless the means I am using without his blessing all will be in vain. am now like a mere walking Ghost — The blisters were put on each wrist, on Sunday night & drew well, & seem to have weakened the fever in some degree — it is now tuesday 10th march & I am something better I hope, blessed be God for all his mercies took a little cold on Monday evening, am worse now it is wednesday — am doubtful whether I shall recover, Lord give me resignation, my throat is sore . . . as I feel a desire of once more seeing my Parents. — I this day enter into covenant with God if he will be pleased to spare me & raise me up again

I will endeavor thro grace to be more devoted to him, to live more to his Glory. Lord seal it in heaven. blessed Christ plead for me & give me thy Spirit — opened upon the 50 pm & 15 & also on King Hezekiahs case & have some hope God will be entreated for me I am worse this afternoon, Wednesday. Lord help me to pray, to be patient, submissive fit me to live, prepare me to die

Thursday march 12. have fever this morning feel poorly, if the Lord should spare me, I do not think I shall ever be a hearty man, the Lord only knows. I desire to sink into his will, find more submission, Lord work in me all the good pleasure of thy will.

I keep poorly my fever not broke. it is now Sunday 15 March. considerable fever. Lord thou must destroy it, for the help of man is vain — give me dear Jesus Suffering grace for this suffering Season. — Isaiah 57 from 15 to 19 was a precious word to my soul. if the Lord raise me I hope to remember & practice the promise I make to him this day. — Monday 16 feel something better today, in body & mind blessed be GOD, my mind easy & some measure

comfortable, but I want to love GOD with all my heart & to sink perfectly into his will

Tuesday & wednesday & Thursday. 17. 18 & 19 March my fever greatly abated & I hope gone. If the Lord raise me I have promised thro grace

1 not to decline the work of the ministry

2 to be more watchful than formerly

3 to be more charitable according to ability

4 never to omit private prayer 3 times a day

5 to Strive to be a simple hearted Xian

Continued to mend slowly to monday 23 when my fever appears quite gone tho I am weak. I ride out every day in bror Jacob Bakers Coach & I find it extremely servisable. blessed by GOD for kind friends. . . . Thursday 25th feel stronger no fever, praise the Lord Oh my soul for all his mercies. — Kept mending Slowly the latter end of March & all along the beginning of april it is now Sunday 12 april. the frequent changes of weather affect me much. but thro mercy I gain a little strength

On tuesday 21 1795 april set out with bror Dennis in a Coach for E. Town & arrived safe on Wednesday evening found my parents & sister & Children well who all rejoiced to see me. I have kept mending very slowly ever since. For about a week I was taken with dizziness but it seems thro mercy gone. it is now 22 May & I feel I am getting strength, blessed be GOD. I hope to be useful if I get able to minister before the Lord — kept mending very slowly till the middle of June when I had a very bad turn of fever Sent for Dr Halsted. Dr Williamson & Dr Morse who all agreed I must eat principally broiled meat, & drink brandy, or wine or Porter — tho I felt somewhat better by their Prescription, yet I gain no more flesh.

Elizabeth Town 1 January 1796. I am still in the land of the living thro mercy, tho not yet recovered fully. my complaint is an affection of the Nerves attended with weakness of the stomach, indigestion & flatulency. I hope if the Lord spares me this year to be more humble, more engaged, and more thankful — am not yet able to preach —

Elizabeth Town 27 march 1796.

Continued weakly yet, tho I have thro mercy gained a little more strength Preached this day for the first time for 12 months past, blessed be GOD for his goodness, my text was in provs. 23. 26 "give me thy heart" I hope & wish to give unreservedly my heart to GOD. I feel in some measure thankful that I have been enabled once more (tho feebly) to hold forth the word of life. . . . I hope the Lord, if for his glory will raise me once more to declare his will.

April 1st 1796. Took a cold & went to work in the garden to throw if off. but renewed it more strongly, which brot on an inflammatory fever as high as any State of body would admit. it has wasted me away very much, once or twice I got rid of it, but wanting to gather strength too soon I brot it on again by eating it is now May 9th & I have some of the fever left & a soreness in my bowels.

June 26th. Yesterday blessed be GOD I was enabled to preach from Roms 8. 9. I am hoarse this morning, but better than I expected to be.

July 3d. 1796 preached this day from 13 Luke 6 to 9. had liberty. blessed be GOD. . . . — There seems considerable awakening in E Town. Mr. Austin who appeared deranged has come out I believe a converted man & his labours are blessed. . . . Administered the Lords Supper July 10. a blessed time — My dear Mother very sick apparently nigh unto death —

While I was slowly recovering in Philadelphia I preached 5 sermons in January and february 1795. which thro weakness and inattention I forgot to set down in their proper place . . . they were from

7 Job	16 would not live always	U. C.
13 luke	6 barren fig tree —	U. C.
1 Timy 6	6 Godliness is gain —	U. C.
1 Thess V	19 Quench not the spt —	U. C.
13 Zaach.	1 Fountain opened —	U. C.

The sermon from 13 Zach. 1 was my last in Philadelphia & after my return home thro weakness (as before noted) was silent near a whole year . . . GOD has at length heard the prayers of his people. & I am able to preach a little . . . in the next page follows the sermons I preached at Elizth Town —

1796

Elizabeth Town —

3 prov.	26 my son give me	27 Mach
8 Roms	9. Spt of Xt none of his	26 June
13 luke	9 barren fig tree —	3 July
1 Cor II	29 Examine himself	10 July
81 pm 13-	14 Oh! that my people	24 July

Elizabeth Town July 30th 1796 Saturday

This day at half past three My dear, my aged & my honored Mother fell asleep in Jesus. her disorder was first a weakness of the stomach & Bowels which produced an inflammation, succeeded by a dysentery. She was confined upwards of fourteen weeks, showing great patience & deep resignation, she would frequently desire the Lord not to delay his coming. then would check herself & was afraid her longing desire to depart & be with Xt favored too much of want of resignation; her soul was frequently filled with divine love; almost Ten days before she died the Lord manifested so much of his Glory to Her that she thought she would expire on that day; but these frequent and powerful Manifestations of heavenly love prepared & enabled her to bear her very deep Affliction, For like her Lord she was made perfect thro Sufferings, which indeed was great from the time she was Confined & seemed two days before her death to be very severe, her Frame by such sufferings was much weakned so that from the time she was struck with death (which was on friday afternoon) her senses was deranged at Seasons, & having had the Palsy 10 or more years before her speech failed her the same day i.e. on friday . . .

blessed be GOD for such a mother so pious, so tender, so affectionate to me — & to all . . . She was born in New York the 28 October 1727 old Stile — in which City we lived till about the year 1772 when we Removed to Elizabeth Town. . . . It was about the year 1760 she was converted to God, and when Mr. Emery the first Methodist Preacher came over she went to hear him & was among the first members who joined the Society in New York, & consequently among the first Methodist in America. When we moved to Elizth Town there was no Society in that place & she communed with & joined the Presbyterian Church there. But it pleased GOD to send the Revd John Hager-ty¹⁷ to Elizabeth Town in 1785 who was recommended to our house (thro whose instrumentality I was awakened that year) & being kindly entertained at our house laid the foundation of the Methodists Preaching in Elizth Town & so of forming the Circuit — She was indeed a mother to the Preachers & a mother in Israel . . . Having been a Christian 36 years — She knew from her first being confined that her sickness would be unto death & when my Father would sometimes express a hope of her recovery she would gently chide him & frequently told him & us that we should pray she knew before she died that the Lord would take her. this was verified for her sufferings were so severe that I believe every praying Soul in the family intreated the Lord to take her away. My Father said when she was dying That the Lord knew how to make "his people willing in the day of his power"; he mourns extremely, yet is resigned — My Mother when she died was aged 68 years. nine months & 2 days — I mourn only as one that has hope & ? (murmur not)

This day while she is a Corpse in the house. I do afresh dedicate myself to GOD & humbly hope thro Mercy & grace to persevere to the end & meet my dear Mother in Glory. GOD grant it for Christ Sake — amen —

She was interred in the family vault on Monday 1st August. her corpse was first carried to the Methodist Tabernacle, where a sermon was preached by brother Felters. from 2 Cors V-1 we know that if this early house of our Tabernacle is dissolved we have a building of GOD, an house not made with hands. Eternal in the heavens" the funeral was large & after service the Corpse was laid in the Vault —

1796

Elizabeth Town

16 Psalm	8	Set the Lord before me	7th August
1 Cors 9. . .	26	So fight I —	28 do. . .
8 Song	5	Cometh From Wilderness	4 Sepr
3 revels	20	behold I stand —	11 Sepr
1 Jno V	10	Witness of spirit	18 Sepr
3 Philips	8	Excellent knowledge	25 Sepr
10 Juno . .	27	My Sheep hear my voice	2 October
4 Jno	10	if thou knewest —	9 October
21 Isai . .	11	Watchman What of —	ditto
18 Matt	20	Two or three met —	16. do.

11 Luke	13	give the holy Spirit	39th
11 heb. .	4	Abels Sacrifice	6 Novr
1 Psalm		Throughout	do
1 James	25	Law of Liberty —	13 Novr.
1 Pet 1 -	15	Be ye holy for I am -	27 Novr.
4 heb 15	16	obtain mercy & find grace	1 Jan
			1797

1797, 1st January. Thro the goodness of mercy of God, I have continued untill this day, and have been enabled to preach much more than I expected but have great reason to be humbled on account of my barrenness. I verily thot if the Lord raised me thus far how humble, how thankful & how zealous I would be, and yet to my shame I am no more so than I was this time twelvemonth & I think hardly so much; Lord pardon and quicken me this year I may thro grace, be more deeply engaged for my own soul & that of others.

July, 1797 — Elizabethtown

Mr. Asbury came here on Tuesday 25 July in a debilitated state, did not preach but went off on Wednesday for New York — was taken I hear at Kingsbridge so that he could not go on —

1797

Elizabeth Town

13 heb	1	brotherly love —	30 July
1 Cor. 2	14	Natural Man	do
4 Phils	6	Careful for nothing . .	6 August
5 Song	16	My friend —	do
3 lamen	24	Lord my portion —	20 augst
3 Revs	11	hold that fast &c —	27 augst
51 Isai	11	Redeemed of the Lord &c	17 sepr
1 Col. .	12	at Chatham ¹⁸	15 Octr

1797

Elizabeth Town

december

116 pm	8	return unto thy rest	10 decr
20 Matt	6	why stand ye idle	17 do
19 Luke	10	Son of Man is come	24 decr
2 Luke	14	Birth of Christ	do

January 1st 1798. Thro the tender mercy of GOD, I am still in the land of the living, and enjoy a greater share of health than this time twelve month: Oh! to be thankful, humble & holy. I feel determined to be for GOD, Lord help me to be faithful. My daughter Betsy Poorly. May we all be resigned & if the Lord spare us this year may we be more engaged & devoted to GOD & may the Lord Revive a work of Grace —

On Sunday 4 feby Administered the Lords Supper at the house of bror Crissey on acct of Polly Foster & Wm Higgins who were sick: David Tindl [?] & his Wife attended & 8 or 9 others. it was a gracious Season.

1798	Elizabeth Town	May
11 Matt	5 not offended in me —	6 May
2 Chron 20	3 proclaimed a fast }	
General fast	wednesday }	9 May
16 Matt	24 deny himself & take up &c }	
8 Luke	18 take heed how ye hear }	13 May

{ on Sunday 20th preached at Bror Harneds from 50 Hereh 5 and at Bridge Town same day at 3 oclock from 14 John 23 - was ill 10 days after —

{ on Sunday 2 June preached at a quarter meeting at Woodbridge from 6 Matt 33

Elizabethtown

On the last thursday in august 1798 I preached a fast sermon from 8 Ezra 23 in the Presbyterian Church in Eliz Town by the request of the Elders & Deacons, as they had no minister, and their General Assembly had appointed that day for fasting humiliation and prayer. Mr. Rayner preached in the afternoon

I have thro mercy lived to the 1st Jany 1799 and thanks be to GOD I have my health nearly as well ever I had. I sincerely desire to mourn all my sins and shortcomings of the year past, and hope thro the tender mercy of GOD in Christ to live if I am spared another year more to GODs glory —

My daughter Betsy is low with the consumption, and in all probability will go soon. She is happy in GOD & longs for her departure —

Elizabeth Town	January	1799
3 Luke	9 Axe is laid at the root	6 Jany
5 Ephs	16 redeeming the time }	
19 Luke	5 Zaccheus come down }	20 Jany

On Saturday morning the 2d february 1799 at 25 minutes past 2 oclock in the morning my Eldest Daughter Elizabeth B Morrell departed this life for a better world. She had been a daughter of Affliction for many years having never enjoyed a good state of health since she grew up. She showed evident signs of a consumption about two years ago by raising blood from her lungs

about five months after which she was attacked with the inflammatory stage of the consumption, this we hoped to reduce by bleeding and diet and riding she was very exact in her observance of regimes, and was bled upwards of twenty five times which used to give her a partial relief, but on the 24th of June 1798 the inflammatory stage was succeeded by the Hectic or last Stage. from this period she gave up all hopes of a recovery, and tho I carried her out every fair day in my chair, yet the debilitating and Hectic Symptoms increased. in September chills came on and soon after she ceased to go abroad. in october she was confined to her room. yet she continued able to walk from her bed to the fire within one week of her death. her understanding continued to the last moment and she died easy & quietly

She was born 22 July 1770, and was therefore 28 years 6 months & 11 days old when she died. — She was awakened & converted about the year 1790, and lived a very humble & holy Christian So that in general she was a pattern to all around her. in the last sickness the Lord remarkably favoured her She was sometimes so happy, that she did not sleep for several nights together but would lie, reading and praising GOD alternately, and endeavoring to sing. as the frame grew weaker her ecstatic joy ceased but she had a strong confidence in GOD and a sweet peace of mind, and so continued waiting for the Lord to call her hence. her remains were deposited in the family vault on Monday 4th feby 1799 followed by a numerous attendance of the inhabitants. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord"

I was taken with an accute Rheumatism in my head & knees 4 or 5 days before she died, and tho I have suffered much pain since I have been a man on various occasions yet it was only the semblance of pain compared to what I suffered from this disease I verily thot I should have gone distracted and though I knew nothing but copious bleeding would relieve me yet I could not persuade my Physician to perform it so often or so largely as I wished, yet at the fourth bleeding and after taking 3 doses of salts, 1 of castor oil & 1 of cream of tartar the violent pain gave way, while I was under the operation of the 4th bleeding; I am getting better, tho not well, and being loosed from earthly embarrassments I am determined to devote myself (thro grace) more fully to the service of GOD and his church, and fulfil the vow I made to the Lord when sick at Philadelphia which by his providence I was hindered from performing; as I have been strongly solicited by Bishop Asbury to take a station in Baltimore, I shall go there in may (GOD willing) and begin my itinerant ministry again if the Lord gives health — I feel that the death of my daughter and my own sickness hath been blessed to my soul. Oh to be more humble, holy, and thankful, and this day being 16th february 1799, I dedicate Myself anew to the Lord. Oh to be sealed eternally thine, Oh Lord —

having accidentally read Sir John Pringles account of the diseases of the army, he confirms my opinion of bleeding in the accute Rheumatism by ordering it daily & copiously if attended with fever untill it gives relief.

on the 1st april 1799 broke up housekeeping, and both my Father and myself board with my son in law Benjamin Wade.

145 pm	18 to 20	Lord nigh & c —	17 march
2 Galas	20	Crucified with Christ	24 march
51 pm	12	restore joys salvation	
3 provs	17	Ways pleasantness 2 —	31 march
3 mal.	8	a man rob GOD —	7 april
15 John	8	bear much fruit —	
11 luke	22	Strong man armed }	14 april
24 acts	16	conscience void of offence	21st april
14 Prov	34	Righteousness exalteth & c }	
		on general Fast —	25th april
3 Jerem	12	Backsliding —	
2 E pet. 1	4	Precious promises 2 }	28th april
4 John	14	well of water	5 may
20 acts	18	Counsel of GOD	12 may

This was my last sermon in Elizabeth Town previous to my departure for Baltimore, and on tuesday 14th may 1799 set off in the stage for Philadelphia and arrived there on wednesday and on thursday set out in the United States Mail Coach which are very fine Carriages and arrived at Baltimore on friday morning 10 oclock having rode from E Town which is 200 miles in less than 2¼ days the violence of the exercise left a fever on me when I came to Baltimore nevertheless I preached on Sunday morning in the new church from 8 Luke 18 & blessed be GOD that I have again been enabled to take a station once more may the Lord give me Wisdom and grace & enable me to live and preach to his glory. Oh! to have no other desire than to glorify GOD & be instrumental in saving souls. my colleague is bror Mansfield, and the Local Preachers here are of the first rate I live at present at bror Hagerty. September, 1799

When I first came to Baltimore I was blooded twice for an inflammatory fever, but my blood increases so fast I was obliged to take Physick again in June . . . now in September I got so gross I was blooded again & took Physick on 15 Sept & feel poorly

September 19 Getting strong again. On Saturday night 21 september 1799 at nine oclock died Benton Riffin of a Yellow fever at Fells point. about 30 persons died in September & the beginning of october at Fells point with the yellow fever & about 12 in Baltimore Town, in Philadelphia & New York the Yellow fever abated about the latter end of October, many died in both Cities by this mortal disease it prevailed also in Newbern & Wilmington in North Carolina, & in Charleston South Carolina upwards of 20 died in a week for 10 weeks.

1 James	22	Be ye doers of the word —	N
3 Song	16	my friend, funeral of Mr. Barber	6th octr
145 pm	18 to 20	The Lord is nigh —	O
40 Isaiah	11	Feed his flock —	O
57 Isaiah	21	No peace to the wicked	N
2 hebrews	1	Give more earnest heed	N
16 matt	26	Lose the soul —	N
1 Cols	21	22 hath he reconciled	N

Was somewhat unwell this month having visited many who sick & some died with the yellow fever — took two doses of medicine which removed my complaint.

on the 14th december 1799 died universally lamented General George Washington aged 68 years.¹⁹ on the morning of the new Year, there was a procession here representing his funeral. I was one of the Ministers

I have now been spared to see the new year of 1800, and I praise GOD in better health than for five years past: & am enabled to preach regularly in my appointments, and blessed be the Lord my Saviour that he blesses my labors — on thursday night some cried out while I was preaching under distress — and on the New Years evening many seemed moved & continued in the Church untill 11 oclock at night & some found the Lord. we have a prospect of a glorious revival . . . Lord make me humble, thankful, zealous & holy

On the 22 feby 1800 I preached the funeral of Gen Washington to a vastly crowded audience from 89 pm 48 verse, by the repeated request of many of the hearers I have consented the sermon should be printed. January, 1800

The revival still continues blessed be GOD. Several have been converted & several are under distress. on the 31st January a snow fell near 18 inches deep.

On the 19th of this month at 11 oclock at night departed this life for a better world, my only Sister Rachel Everson. She died at Wards bridge the place of her residence in the State of New York; on Wednesday evening the 22d she was brought to Elizabeth Town and on Thursday

Thursday morning the 23 her remains was laid in the family Vault; She was 50 years 3 months & 11 days old — was awakened under the preaching of the Revd. Uzal Ogden in the year 1785 — was a shining Xtian indeed, & tho her husband removed to Wards bridge in 1787 where she enjoyed none of the means of grace, yet she kept the faith. She was very happy & longed to depart. & died without a sigh or a groan

What a comfort to know that our near friends when removed from us are gone to be for ever with the Lord. may we be prepared to follow them.

1 Cor XV 56 sting of death is sin N

on Tuesday the 6th may 1800 our General Conference began at Baltimore 116 Travelling Preachers attended, a great revival began during the Conference and perhaps near 50 were converted mostly young persons. bror Richard Whatcoat was chosen & ordained a Bishop at this Conference. Dr Coke requested & obtained liberty to return to Europe for a season. Conference broke up on the 20th . . . More than 100 Souls were awakened & converted & the revival Continues bror Roberts²⁰ is my Colleague being appointed for Baltimore another year bror Bruce at the point — Set off from Baltimore on Monday the 26th of may & on tuesday morning Breakfasted in Philadelphia. Set out same day at one oclock & arrived at Eliz Town wednesday. my Father very infirm — on friday night my Daughter Caty got to bed of a fine boy. I baptized him by the name of Jacob Brush. preached 3 Sabbaths in Eliz. Town from 1 Jas 23 & 24 Isai 3 — 1 Col. 14 — 4 Jas 8 & 9 — 3 Luke 9 — acts 13 — 38 on Wednesday 4th June went to N York preached there from 24 Isa. 3. Set out on Tuesday 17 of June for Baltimore & arrived there on Thursday 19th much fatigued, but thro mercy am recovering . . . am getting as well as usual this 1st July. Our revival still continues (blessed be GOD) every day more or less join & hardly a meeting but some are awakened & converted — 70 whites have joined since Genl Conference 13 blacks have joined since Genl Conference

this 4 July 1800

On Sunday 20th July while preaching from 3 John 19 many were awakened. 8 or 10 were on the ground crying for mercy & tho the day was the hottest of the year, the people would not disperse. blessed be GOD for his mercy & love on the 26th I preached at Elk [?] ridge quarter meeting from 16 matt 26 . . . a large number assembled for political purposes there . . . some heard & some stood at a distance.

1800

about 10th august the yellow fever was discovered to be at Fells point & raged considerably from 20th to 3 September about 14 died a day on an average tho near half the families were moved away 6 Sepr — weather cool — fever rages, spreads coming to town 9 sepr. upwards of 20 sometimes 26 & 28 die daily I moved to Mr. Ashmans. 9th September — 10th sepr. 38 died . . . 11th . . . 24 died. 12th 24 died 13th . . . 33 died — 14 — 22 died — 15th 20 died. 16th — 28 died

on the 1st of September I was taken with a violent inflammatory fever occasioned by taking cold, was bled twice & took 2 doses of physick in one day, am recovering thro mercy

			place	date
5 Ephes	8	Sometimes darkness	N	7th
19 Gens	17	Escape for thy life	N	14
4 heb.	15-16	find mercy & grace	N	21
26 Isaiah	10	favour shewed to ye wicked	Country	28
11 Luke	13	give holy spirit. in the country		28th

on the 22 Sepr monday I moved from Mr. Ashmans to Mr. Jones 2 miles from Baltimore — & preached At Saml Owings near twin pike

17th 31 died — 18th - 20 - on the 19th 28 died — on 20th 19 died - 21th, 24 died - on 22 - 25 died on 23 - 25 died - on 24th - 31 died - on 25th - 27 died —

There died in Baltimore and at Fells Point on the whole 1211 according to the returns but some died before returns was made & some after Novr . . . 4. the fever has declined tho now & then one is taken & dies — it broke out afresh at the point after the people came in for 2 weeks as they returned too soon — So that in the whole about 1300 died

Baltimore — 1800

Our revival has again commenced/lately have been awakened & converted & every week more or less join.

On the 25th of November I received a letter from my Father, giving me an account of the death of my only Daughter Catharine Wade. who died on the 21st november at 5 oclock in the morning. She died in the Lord — blessed by GOD altho he has taken both of my children, they have both died in peace — may I be prepared to follow them — She was born 29th february — 1772 and was aged 28 years - 8 months & 23 days — She has left a disconsolate husband, and two young Children who know not their loss —how unsearchable are the judgements of GOD. he takes away the children & leaves the Parent, nay the grand Parent. none of the family are now left but my Father & myself. except the children of my bror Abraham & my sister Rachel. even so Father for so it seemed good in thy sight" May we be prepared to go likewise — amen & amen.

I have now been spared to see the year 1801 & the beginning of the XIX century, & blessed be GOD in tolerable good health & engaged in some measure for the prosperity of Zion and the salvation of my own soul — The Lord is pleased to own my labours here for the awakening of souls & building up saints — I lament my unprofitableness, my want of more faith, love & Zeal. Lord quicken me Oh to be more holy. heavenly & spiritual
February, 1801. Baltimore

About the 14 of feby was a snow and a 3 days of cold weather, but since to the end of the month was unusually warm — so that for several days we used no fire.

April, 1801 — Baltimore

We collected in our classes for the Preachers upwards of 500 dollars was blooded 6th april

Baltimore. May 1801

On the 3d of may 1801 I preached my last and farewell sermon at our Church in Light street in the City of Baltimore from 20 Acts & 27 Verse. "I have not shunned to declare the whole counsell of GOD" — The Audience was very large & attentive — on tuesday the 5 of may I set out from Baltimore in the stage at 4 oclock in the morning, and about 7 we upset 3 Persons were hurt much, I was providentially preserved. on Wednesday at 10 oclock A. M. I arrived at Philadelphia & at 2 the same day set out for Elizth Town & arrived at my Fathers on Thursday at 3 oclock, may 8th — I had been two years in Baltimore, & it pleased GOD to prosper his Church there greatly during my residence in that city. The first year I had for a colleague Lewis Mansfield a good zealous Young man

On New Years night 1800 a revival began there & about 70 were converted. before conference The Second year I had George Roberts for my colleague, after the General Conference held in may 1800. The revival continued and increased, rapidly untill the yellow fever began at Fells point, & spread up into the Town, above nine tenths of the inhabitants moved out, after the fever subsided and the Inhabitants returned, the revival again recommenced. & bror Roberts labors and my own were again owned by the Lord. When I came to Baltimore in may 1799 there were in society in Town & Point 985 members. when I came away in may 1801. I left 1315 members an increase of 333 members most of whom we have reason to believe were converted to GOD. This was the Lords doing and was marvellous in our eyes. bror Roberts my last Colleague there, was one of the most excellent of men. I think superior in every point of view to any I had ever been stationed with. . . . The Society were loving, liberal & kind. — When I came home I found my aged Father had declined much in health — so that I cannot see it my duty to leave him. I consequently must locate myself at least for a season. — we had a quarter meeting at Elizth Town the first Sunday I came home, much of the Lords power was present. I hope this is a prelude to a great revival Lord grant it — Oh may my labours be owned & blessed of my precious saviour for this end, amen & amen

1801	Elizabeth Town	may	day
2 Cor V	11	Love of Xt constraineth us*	17
84 Psm -	11	Lord is a sun & Shield	
7 hebs	25	Able to save to uttermost	
1 Timy	6-6	Godliness with contentment	31st
6 matt	33	Seek first the kingdom of God	

I was very ill all the week after preaching on the 17th having taken cold, and an ardent fever accompanied it. & my throat was so inflamed as I think I

had not felt it for 10 years. I took a dose of salts on 21st and 2 of Wilkins pills on the 23d & abstained from eating except dry bread & tea for 3 days which thro mercy abated my fever & I am now getting very hearty again this 28th of may 1801.

* one awakened under this sermon

1801		June		Elizabeth Town
3 Phils	3	We are the circumcision	}	
30 Isai	18	The Lord waits to be gracious		7th
1 Cor 1	30	Xt our wisdom, rights	}	
22 Job	21	acquaint now thyself		14th
66 Isai	2	To that man will I look	}	
13 matt	44	Hidden treasure		21st
14 nums	24	My servant Caleb	}	
		circuit preacher at night		28th

Went to New York on July 1st & preached July 3d at night in John Street from 22 Job 21. and on Sunday morning same place from 2 Cors. V. 14 — and at 6 oclock at the Bowery Church from 84 psalm 11. Lord is a sun &c returned home on Wednesday the 7th July — Sept. 1801

Very sickly all this month throughout Rahway,²¹ Woodbridge, &c. the complaint a bilious fever. — some cases also of Yellow fever in New York. Oct., 1801 Elizabethtown

Yellow fever continues very bad in N York and the weather remarkably warm this month. Yellow fever abated about 28th & 29th yet not quite extinguished weather warm & very dry. dust 6 inches deep. above 400 persons were sick with a bilious fever this fall in Rahway &c &c November, 1801

This fall is so dry & warm that I did not put on flannel Jacket untill 6th november — & continued warm all the month —

N. B. GOD has been pleased to own my labours here 4 or 5 have been converted & joined Society

1801		Eliz. Town		december -
5 Ephesis	8	Sometimes darkness	}	6th
4 Song	16	Awake North wind		
32 Psalm	1	Transgression covered		
		bror Mills at night		13
9 Zachariah	12	Prisoners of hope	}	20th
3 Revelas	20	Stand at the door *		
2 luke	14	Glory to GOD	}	27th
2 Cors V	17	New creature P *		
		bror Totten did not come		

Through the mercy of GOD I have lived to see the beginning of the year 1802 & blessed be the GOD of heaven in better health of body than for 7 years past. & my soul more alive to GOD than at any season since I was converted — through a variety of circumstances the preachers of the Circuit have not been often here but by the grace of GOD I have filled every appointment, and to the praise

* Several awakened under this sermon of God's grace he hath blessed my labours here a number have been awakened, some found peace, some have joined Society & there is a greater prospect than for 12 years past in this place. and I hope for a glorious revival — & every circumstance increases my hope I feel liberty in preaching & a love to precious souls —

* P one awakened under sermon from 2 Cor. V. 17.

June 1802

4 pm	3	Lord set apart GODly man	1st
13 hebs	1	let brotherly love continue	20th

This was my last sermon in Elizth Town previous to my going to New York. I went to the Conference in York June 2d without any intention of taking a station there but on the application of the Trustees and the intreaties of many of the society, and the fervent desire of Bishop Asbury I consented to give them one year, on the following conditions.

1st I was to preach not more than twice on Sunday.

2 if the yellow fever raged, or my father is dangerously sick, or my wife. that I shall come home untill the fever subsides or such sickness in my family ceases . . . The Trustees agreed fully to those conditions & I expect to go about 24 or 25 June

My colleagues are bror Sergeant — Wilson — and Lowry — GOD grant us every assistance we need — Oh to be useful in buiding up the Church of GOD

On the 24th may 1802. I entered into the state of matrimony with Lydia Frazee^{2a} who had lived with me as a housekeeper for a year previous thereunto, and knowing her natural good disposition, her economy, and her being a gracious soul I thought her as suitable a match as I know of — May the GOD of heaven bless and sanctify our union for the promotion of his glory & our spiritual and eternal good —

On Monday June 28th 1802 I arrived at New York to enter upon my charge. Lord give me grace to be faithful. — In the next page begins an acctt of the texts I preached from in New York

1802		New York		July — day
19 Luke	10	Son of man is come	O	1st
2 Cor 6	1	received grace in vain	B }	
8 luke	18	Take heed how ye hear	O }	4th
5 Ephs.	8	Sometimes darkness	O	9th

13 Mat	44	Treasure in a field	O }	
1 Tim 6-	6	Godliness with contentment	N }	11th
1 Cols.	21	You hath he reconciled	B	15th
6 John	49	Manna St.—	B }	18
5 Gals	1	Stand fast in liberty	A }	
8 Roms	9	Spt. of Xt none of his	O	23
2 Cor V	17	New creature —	O	25
3 mal	8	Rob GOD	N	27

O Stands for Old church

B for Bowery church

N for North River Church

A for African Church

1802		August		New York
19 John	30	It is finished St. —	O	1st
10 Nums.	29	Journeying —	B	
28 Isai	16	Lay a stone in Zion —	O	6th
7 hebs	25	Able to save St. —	A	8th
14 John	23	Loveth keep my words	N	
1 Cor XV	57	Victory over death		
		funeral of Mr. Briggs	N	10th
1 Cor II	28	Examine himself St —	B	15th
1 Timy 4	8	Godliness is profitable	O	
18 Ezek	27	Wicked man turneth	O	20th
2 Ephe	10	His workmanship —	N	22d
3 Phils	3	We are the circumcision	O	
19 luke	5	Zaccheus —	B	26
6 matt	33	Seek first the kingdom	O	29th
1 Timy 2	8	Pray every where	B	

December, 1802 — New York City.

The 3 collections for our charity School^{2a} made this month amounted to 420 dollars

I have now lived to the beginning of another year to the 1st January 1803, and blessed be GOD in better health of body than I have had for 12 years past, so that I have not missed preaching but one sermon since I have been in New York since July last. And blessed be the GOD of all my mercies, that my soul is in some degree engaged in his cause I feel the presence of my Lord in declaring his truth at seasons, and hope ere my station in the City, to see some good seasons of the out pouring of the holy Spt, If GOD spares me this year I hope to be more holy, more useful & more devout — GOD grant it for Christ's sake —

In the month of december we made collections in our 3 Churches for our free School & collected 420 dollars —

On the 27th of Jany heard my wife was ill I went to Eliz Town & found she had taken cold, and had premature delivery of a dead child. She was very low but blessed GOD she is recovering. I returned to New York feby. 18th. & I preached same evening —

1803		February		N York
4 John	10	If thou knewest	O	18
1 Cor 3	16	Ye are the temple of GOD 2d	N	20th
4 John	10	If thou knewest	A	
11 Luke	13	Give holy spirit 3d	A	23
2 Sam 2	20	Them that honor me	O	
28 Isai	10	Let favour be shown	B	27th

Monday 28 feby. went to Elizth Town, found my wife very ill, she had taken cold & was swelled very much in her leg & foot — returned on friday 4 march when my wife was getting better —

June, 1803 New York

We collected in our classes upwards of 400 dollars for to send to the Conference at Ashgrove which we sent by bror Wilson. Bror Coate Williston, Wilson & Myself was appointed for New York untill June Conference 1804 The Conference held 1st July.

Our Conference this year held at Ashgrove this year Myself — bror Williston — Coate & Wilson my colleagues.

On the 28th [?] July a few cases of the yellow fever appeared, and it began to spread from the Coffee house slip where it first began; to the old slip — to the Fly [?] market &c — an alarm was spread thro the City and about the 5th of august the people began to move, it was thought by the 12th of august. 15000 or more left the city. after Sunday 14th We shut up John Street Church Several of the other Churches are shut up. on Tuesday 16th I judged it proper to move out & I came the same day to my Fathers. My wife had been out some days. Since I came out the fever spreads & the alarm is 1803 September & october in Elizabeth Town

General. on Wednesday the 17th. 15 Cases. 6 deaths on Thursday 24 Cases. 8 [?] deaths — on Friday 18 cases 6 deaths — on Saturday the 20th. 18 cases 8 deaths Sunday 21st. 18 cases 8 deaths — on monday 21 cases. 7 deaths . . . on Tuesday 23d - 28 cases 8 deaths. on Wednesday 28 cases 6 deaths on Thursday 25th 11 cases & 3 deaths. Friday 26th 19 cases 8 deaths — Saturday 27th 10 cases 3 deaths & continues so on an average until Friday 2 Sepr. then 28 cases 8 deaths. saturday & Sunday 46 cases & 22 deaths . . . It is now thought 50,000 of the citizen have moved out. From 4th to 12th on an average more than 20 cases every day & 10 deaths from 12th to 19th the disease keeps much the same. From 19 Sepr to 15 October it increased upwards of 20 cases every day & on an average 11 deaths. — on the 21st October it began to decrease &

by the 1st novr it disappeared. about 650 died in the City. While at E. Town during the fever I preached from 1 Pet 2.7 — 4 pm 6 to 8 — 1 Cors 3.16 — 2 Pet 3 18 — 46 pm 4 — 8 Roms 9 — 3 lams 24 & 1 Timy 1:5 and at Turkey²⁴ from 13 Matt 44 — 11 luke 13 - 15 luke lost sheep 6 Matt 33.

January, 1804

I have lived thro the tender mercy of GOD to see the beginning of another year and blessed be the GOD of all my mercies in better health of body than I have been for nine years past, and my soul I trust engaged in the cause of my redeemer — I wish to live every year as if it were my last. On New Years day I went & preached a dedication sermon from Haggai 2 & 9 at the opening of the New Methodist Church at Second River,²⁵ to a crowded house Bror John Dow preached in the Afternoon and I preached again in the evening — from 2 Cor VI-I "receive not the grace &c" I returned to New York on Thursday 5 Jany & found my family well

On the 9th of february 1804 I removed with my family from New York to Elizth Town altho my time was not out till the June following. but my Father being very unwell so that he thought he was not long for this world, and not capable of doing either his own or my business, I thought it my duty to move home in order to assist him in his last days, and a good opportunity offered by Mr Snethen coming to New York who being willing to supply my place till Conference met I found a freedom to go home. here follows the Texts I preached from in Elizth Town

June ——— 1804

22 Job	21	acquaint thyself	} Belleville	3
11 hebs	14	seek a country		
13 Matt	—	Parable of sower		
15 John	15	Ye are my friends	} 10	17
9 eccles	14	Little City		
13 Zach	1	fountain opened		

On the 4th of June 1804 at half after two PM my wife was delivered of a Son. blessed be GOD. I mean to name him Francis Asbury. He was Baptized in Belleville church Sunday 5 Augst. 1804 by the Revd John Dow —

delivered an oration in the Presbyterian Church on the 4th July 1804

1804		September		Elizth Town
3 Prov	17	Ways pleasantness	} 2d	
42 Job	5-6	Now mine eye seeth thee S		
2 Cor 12	10	When I am weak		
		Thursday nt		6
19 Luke	10	Son of man is come	} 3 times to day	9th
8 song	5	Cometh out of wilderness		
55 Isai	6	Seek the Lord while &c		

19 luke	10	Son of man is come	Turkey 2 M	16th
11 hebs	14	Seek a country		
4 John	24	Worship GOD in Spirit		
35 Num	11	Cities of refuge —	Thursday night	23d
-----	---	Be ye also ready		20
13 Zach	1	Fountains opened		30th
8 Eccles	11	because sentence agst	Morris	
		E Town S		30

Numbers	23	19 GOD not lie	October	4th
1 Timy 2	8	pray every where	}	7th
30 Isai	18	Waits to be gracious		
ditto	---	do at Dr Terrells		
15 Luke	---	parable of lost sheep	}	14th
		E Town		
55 Isai	1	Ho every one		
....	---	sick at night	}	21st
3 Revs	18	I counsell thee		28th

September, 1804 — Elizabethtown

on this Sunday the 28th Mr Austin & myself administered the Lords Supper & more than a hundred members of the Presbyterian church communed with us.

1804	Elizth Town			November
1 Timy 6	6	Godliness is gain	}	4th
10 psm	13	wicked contemn God S		
37 pm	4	delight thyself. Tuesday night		
10 Nums	29	Journeying	}	6th
9 Jerh	23-24	Glory not in wisdom S		
28 provs	14	feareth always		
13 Acts	39	Through this man, Terrells	}	18th
3 Jno	14	Brazen Serpent		
5 Ephs	14	Awake thou that sleepest		

1804	Elizabeth Town			december	
1 Cor 9	26	So fight I	}	Morrisses	2d
4 Song	16	awake North Wind			
		If any man think Thursy night			
2 Ephs	10	his workmanship	}	3 times to day	6 9th
1 Cor 3	21	all are your			
2 heb	1	give earnest heed			

January, 1805 Elizabethtown

Through the tender mercy of GOD, I have lived to see the beginning of another year & in as good health as I have been since I grew up, and my soul in some measure engaged with GOD. My Father is very weak and unwell — I have undertaken to preach 3 times every Sunday — May the Lord assist & strengthen & render my labours successful —

1805 Elizth Town January
On Saturday 26th evening it began to snow & continued without intermission till Monday evening. & being a quantity of snow on the ground before it is now monday evening near 3 feet on a level So much snow has not fell since the hard winter about 60 years ago — Weather uncommonly severe all the winter. good slaying for 11 weeks without intermission.

1805	Elizth Town		July 1805
11 luke	23	unclean spirit	} 7th
6 Jno	49-51	Xt compared to manna	
18 Matt	20	Two or three met in my name	
2 Song	5	Banqueting house —	} 14th
24 Luke	46	Resurrection of Xt	
28 Isai	16	Stone &c at Bridgetown	
24 luke	46	} Belleville	21st
28 Isai	16		
			28th

August				
1 Tim 4	8	Godliness Thursday at Stansbury		1st
2 Cor V	14	love of Xt — Eliz Town	}	4th
35 Num	13	cities of refuge — Bridge Town		
1 Tim 4	8	GODliness. wednesday Ryckmans		
35 num	13	Cities of refuge	}	11th
13 acts	38	Through this man		
27 pm	8	Seek my face	Turkey Stansbury	15th
48 Isai	18	Peace as a river	Eliz Town	}
13 acts	38	Through this man	Bridge Town	
27 pm		Seek my face	Barbadoes neck	
4 Song	16	Awake North wind	}	25th
10 Num	29	Journeying		

a Very great drought all July & august & the weather warmer from June to Sept. than for 20 years past —

3 Phil	3	circumcision		
10 Num	29	Journeying	Bridge Town	1st
3 Jer . .	12	Backsliding Turkey	}	8th
5 Ephe	8	darkness Cheapside		
42 Gen	36	against me	}	15th
13 mat	44	like treasure		
12 hebs	1	Cloud of witnesses	}	22d
do	—	besetting sin		
13 mat	44	Kingdom of GOD treasure		
		ditto		25th
5 Ephes	8	sometime darkness		29

... On Thursday morning half after 12 oclock, departed this life my dear, my only child, my darling Son, Francis A. Morrell — He was taken with a violent dysentery on Friday evening September 12th 1805 aged 15 months and 8 days. This was the severest loss I had ever met with, as he was a very handsome child, and of the most promising parts, showing great strength of intellect & for his age very obedient —

I am certain that both his Mother & myself gave him too much of our hearts, & GOD in mercy took away our Idol — From the day of his birth to the day of his death my prayer concerning him was "Lord If he will be a wicked man to dishonor thee & finally lose his own Soul — do Lord take him away in his infancy" He was then I believe taken away "either in answer to prayer" or lest he should engage too much the hearts of his Parents & thereby draw them away from GOD — I feel tenderly affected by this stroke of GODs providence as a Parent & as a man, But am resigned as a Xtian. My dear Wife mourns much but is striving to be fully resigned to GOD — We both wish to feel & say "The Lord gave & the Lord hath taken away & blessed be his name" — Our prayer is Lord Sanctify this death to the good of our Souls —

Death! upon Death! On Wednesday night Sept 26 1805 ten minutes before ten oclock departed this life for a better world, my aged, my honoured Father Jonathan Morrell. he lived to his 80th year. was born on Long Island at Newtown, but married & lived in New York untill about the year 1771 or 72 when we moved to Elizabth Town. He was converted to GOD sometime about the year 1764 so that he professed religion above 40 years his extreme age so impaired his faculties that he had not usually for a month before his death the perfect use of his reason, but during his confinement to his bed which was about 5 months he was all patience and used frequently to desire to depart and be with Christ — he died without a sigh or groan — I am the last that is left of the main branches of the family. having lost my Mother, my two brothers — my only sister — my two daughters. lately my only child and now my aged Father Oh to know, to value & redeem my time in a suitable manner. Lord Sanctify this fresh stroke of thy providence to me & to my Wife — may we be

all devoted to GOD, & be ready to follow all those who have gone before us — died 26 September 1805, born 28th June 1726 —
October, 1805

on Thursday morning at 5 oclock October 31st 1805 my wife was safely delivered of a daughter blessed be GOD — both are likely to well I named her Catharine after my Mother —
November, 1805

This season the yellow fever prevailed both in Philadelphia & New York, also in Newhaven in Connecticut & Providence in Rhode Island but by its being late & the people generally moving out less died both in York & Philadelphia than in any former fever about 270 in N York & about the same in Philadelphia.

On Saturday the 28th december 1805 my daughter (a babe) was baptized by the name of Catharine — performed by the Revd Thomas Ware —
January 1806 Elizabethtown

Through the mercy of GOD I have lived to the beginning of another year, blessed be GOD in high health of body, and my soul is some degree alive to GOD — religion dull in this place. Oh Lord revive thy work in my soul and in the souls of the inhabitants

On Monday the 17th march sprained my foot by a fall which has kept me at home 3 sabbaths & I am still lame hardly able to go out —
rained hard did not preach morning

August, 1806

Camp meeting began 28th & continued to Monday the 1st Sepr. I preached there from 84 pm 11 & 15 Jno 15 — Some good was done at the meeting but not anything like what has been at some others. it was held at Long Hill . .

1806

October

3 mala	14	Will a man rob GOD	}	5th
5 Jno	40	Will not come to me		
1 Jno 2	17	World passeth away	}	12th
		unwell did not go to		
		Bridgetown		
16 Jno	31	do ye now believe	}	19
1 Cor 1	21	World by wisdom		
17 Exods	11	Moses hands lifted up	S }	26
1 Cor 1	21	World by wisdom		
		Bridgetown		

This fall remarkably moderate no frost of any consequence this month. large crops of every kind of grain.

On Wednesday 10th decr. Thos M Wade & Jacob B. Wade set out in the Stage for their Fathers in Philadelphia under the care of Stephen Burrows — arrived safe 13th

Through the long suffering of GOD, I have lived to see the beginning of
 other year & blessed with Good health & comfortable prospects with regard
 earthly things, my family are in their usual health — My soul is in some
 degree engaged with GOD, but not in that measure I desire —

1807		Elizth Town		january
10 Revs	6	Time no longer	S	
3 luke	9	hewn down & cast &c		
		bridgetown		4th
12 Mat	5	made light	Newark *	
do	do	ditto	E. Town	11th
6 Ephs	10	Xtians strength	S	
1 Timy 4	8	GODliness is profit:		
		Bridgetown		18th
6 Ephs	11	Wiles of the devil	S	
		unwell in the evening		25

* This was my first sermon in Newark the congregation was larger than I expected

1807	August	Elizth - town -
7 heb	25 intercession of Xt	
—	— same at Bridgetown	2d
	unwell did not preach on the	9th
2 Thess 3	5 Lord direct your hearts	
2 hebs	3 How shall we escape	
	Bridgetown	16th
3 lamen	39 Living man complain	
16 Luke	31 One rose from the dead	23d
53 Isai	1 Who hath believed our	
16 luke	31 One rose . Bridgetown	30th

On Tuesday the 29th September 1807 my Son was baptized by the name of Francis Asbury,²⁶ the ceremony was performed in my home by the Rev John Dow of Belleville –
January, 1808

On the 5th June 1808 a great number of persons joined the Presbyterian Churches in this part of Jersey. 55 at Elizth Town. 44 at Westfield — 104 Newark — 100 & upwards at Caldwell, at Bottle hill, Springfield connecticut farms, Bloomfield Hanover Rahway have not heard the exact number but as many probably as those mentioned so great & unusual a revival in the presbyterian Churches has never been before.

On the 11th of October on tuesday morning between 9 & 10 oclock, departed this life my dear beloved wife Lydia. She was taken in labour at half after 2 in the morning Doctor Morse & the women were soon there and everything appeared promising when about 8 oclock she was taken with turns of fainting, in one of which she died without the least motion, the child was not born. My sorrow is inexpressible — Yet I am resigned that GOD should do with me & mine as he pleaseth — 6 years & 5 months I was married & during that time she never gave me one unkind or disrespectful word, nor never an unkind look, and altho she had my money at command she never laid out one shilling without asking my consent, and if ever I spoke in haste to her as not approving what she had done or spoke she never spoke back again, but her watery eye would shew how it grieved her to displease me. a more modest, meek, humble & gentle woman was very rarely to be found, and her prudence & economy was visible to all . . . She left 2 children by me, the eldest Catharine not quite 3 years old & Francis Asbury not 15 months old — this is the 4th day since her death & I could not sit down to write this before — She was awakened & converted about 11 years since, but grew somewhat careless & was re-awakened under my preaching & joined Society on or about 1st June 1802. She lived a Xtian, was much in prayer — was deeply humble & uniform in piety. her soul no doubt is happy with GOD — a more dutiful wife and affectionate mother was not to be found. I feel my great loss — and my greatest desire is that GOD would sanctify this dispensation to my soul, to render me more holy, and engaged, & to my family and friends. bror John Dowd preached a funeral sermon at my house from 1st Nahum 7 verse — a great concourse of people attended and if the weather had not been rainy it is

probably all the people in the Town would have been there. bror E. Cooper introduced the service by singing & prayer. Mr. Dow preached & Mr McDowel concluded with prayer the people were much affected — five clergymen attended. She was deposited in our family vault on Wednesday about 1 O'clock — Lord prepare us all to die —

1809 January 1st Through the mercy of GOD I live to see 1809. and by the good Providence of GOD in tolerable good health of body & my little family growing up — I feel my want of more grace, more devotedness to GOD more abstractedness from the world. one soul was awakened on the evening of the last sabbath in the last year. may this year be abundantly crowned with converts — our country in a gloomy situation

July 1, 1809

On the 4th July preached a sermon at Mr Spinnage's from 1 Samuel Xii. 23 & 24 "only fear the Lord & serve him" &c.

September

2 Ep [?]	7	mercy & love	
13 acts	39	Thro this man is preached	3d
4 Prov	18	Path of the Just	
2 Hag	9	Glory of this latter house dedication sermon at New Church Bridgeton	10th
8 John	12	I am the light of the world	
1 Tim V	22	Partakers of others sins. time of a race	17
1 Cor IX	24	So run as to obtain	
3 heb	7	To day if you will hear Bridgetown	24

On wednesday the 4th October 1809. I was married at Belleville by the Revd John Dow to the amiable Mrs Eunice Hamilton, I have no doubt but the GOD of heaven directed me to her, and that she was destined for me in the counsells of heaven, I wish at all times to consider her as the gift of my heavenly Father and I hope the gift will lead me in gratitude to the giver Lord! Sanctify & bless our union to our mutual advantage, may we live holy & happy, be helps indeed to each other & finally saved together for Christs sake.

EDITOR'S NOTE

From this point forward Morrell's Journals are comprised mainly of meticulous listings of sermon texts and the dates those sermons were preached. The narrative account of his activity is very limited. He did follow the pattern, however, of writing an entry each year for New Year's Day as well as a reflection on his birthday, November 22. I have included a sampling of these as well as occasional notes from these later years because of their general interest.

Peace [1815]

"The news of peace between Britain and this country arrived here Sun. noon 12th [March]. Great joy beamed on every countenance, the treaty was signed at Ghent by the ambassadors of both nations on the 24th Dec. 1814. Ratified by the Prince regent on the 31st — and ratified by our President 15 Feb. 1815. God be praised for this happy event — an illumination took place on the evening of the 20th brilliant indeed — at Newark on the 21 and everywhere throughout the Country the highest demonstrations of joy were manifest."

Jan. 1817

"... a revival begun in Belleville [N.J]."

Nov. 22, 1817

"This day I am seventy years of age, and enjoy good health . . . I hope [thru grace] to finish my course with joy, when God calls me hence. . . ."

Nov. 22, 1827

"This day I was 80 yrs. of age and thru the mercy and goodness of God, I am in good health of body and mind — vigorous and unimpaired as [they] were 40 years ago. This is the Lord's doing. . . . I have such strength of body that I preach without pain or uneasiness as loud and as long as I did 20 years ago. . . . Amen and Amen."

Jan. 1832

"On the 22nd of this month I was 85 yrs. of age in tolerable good health of body and my mental faculties very little impaired — . . . I was b. 22 Nov. 1747, moved to Elizabethtown in 1770, lived as a gay and thoughtless sinner generally tho I had conviction, was awakened in 1785 under the preaching of the Rev. Jn. Haggerty the first preacher I had heard and under his first sermon he preached in Elizabethtown, found the Lord early in that year and in 3 mon afterward began to preach by invitation of Jn. Haggerty and Robt. Cloud coming in the fall of 1785 to form a circuit extended his preaching to Staten Island. A great revival taking place tho the labor was too hard for one

preacher. I was constrained to enter the travelling connection. I joined Bro. Cloud. It was then called the Elizabethtown circuit, here I preached 20 months. I was then ordained a Deacon and stationed in Trenton in 1787. In 1788 in the City of New York with the charge, R. Cloud with me. Here a great revival broke out in Feb. 1789. Ordained an Elder in 1789 and continued in New York 5 years. Then in 1794 and 95 stationed in Philadelphia, here taken sick and did not recover fully till 1799. Then stationed in Baltimore 2 years, till 1801 — in 1802 stationed in New York again 2 yrs. This was my last station out of Elizabethtown. I continued to preach for 16 years, as often as when I traveled, extensively till the year 1822 and then preached mostly in Elizabethtown every Sabbath, except when unwell. I have continued to preach once each Sabbath to the time I am writing this account."

Feb. 1836

"As the weather moderated some on the 11 of February we hoped the heart of the winter was over but the weather soon became cold again and on the 17 Feb. fell a snow and the thermometer fell again to 6° below . . . the weather on the whole has been colder and the snow deeper than any winter since the year 1780 and the snow is now 2 feet deep here and in Morris and Warren Co. 5 feet deep on an average. No boats at Jersey City — they pass to N.Y. on the ice — the poor suffer here and in N.Y. for fuel — the rheumatism in my hand continues."

22 Nov. 1837

" . . . is my birthday and on this day I am 90 yrs. of age and am a raw instance of mercy, longsuffering and patience of my Heavenly Father — having the use of my mental powers as well as I had 40 yrs. ago — my sight tolerably good — my hearing as good as formerly. . . . I feel devoted to the Services of my God and am determined to be more holy, heavenly minded and spiritual . . . Lord prepare me for Thy heavenly kingdom."

NOTES

- (1) *Elizabethtown* - First mention of the Elizabeth Methodist Church building was in the journal of E. Cooper in 1795 and Morrell was preaching in Elizabethtown as early as 1791 and possibly 1787.
- (2) *Robert Cloud* joined the traveling connection in 1785, and located in 1812.
- (3) *N.Y. City Methodism* - The founding of Methodism in New York is associated with the names of Mrs. Barbara Heck and Philip Embury. The first class was organized in 1766, and the first Methodist house of worship was erected in John Street in 1768.
- (4) *Richard Whatcoat* - Whatcoat, who was to become the third bishop of the Methodist Church, was a traveling companion of Asbury. He preached in the area of northern N.J. in 1789.
- (5) *James Mann* - Born in N.Y. City and served there in 1791. After the Revolutionary War, he went to Nova Scotia, and continued to serve Methodism there.
- (6) *Cokesbury College*, located in Abingdon, Maryland, was the first college established by the American Methodists in 1784-85. In December 1795 the building was destroyed by fire.
- (7) *William Hammet* came to Charleston, S.C. with Thomas Coke in 1791. Asbury's refusal to appoint him pastor there led to a schism which drew part of the congregation into separate churches.
- (8) *Charleston, S.C.* - Methodism dates from Asbury's first visit there in 1785. The Wesley's, however, as well as George Whitefield, visited Charleston on several occasions.
- (9) *Ezekiel Cooper*, a native of Maryland, was presiding elder in New York in 1794-95. He visited T. Morrell in Elizabethtown, N.J. on June 3 and 4, 1795. Cooper was ordained by Asbury in John St. Church, N.Y. City June 3, 1787. Cooper preached extensively in Northern N.J.
- (10) *Flour/staples* - Thomas Morrell was a merchant by trade and kept store. It is interesting to note references in his Journals to produce and the price of merchandise as he visited various communities.
- (11) *James O'Kelly* - a Methodist preacher from Virginia who proposed modification of the Bishop's appointive powers. O'Kelly left the Methodist Church in protest when his proposal failed.
- (12) *Health* - Much of Morrell's preoccupation with his health stemmed, perhaps, from the serious wound he received in the Revolutionary War. He was shot through the chest and experienced a long convalescence.

- (13) *Lemuel Green* - Green was born near Baltimore in 1751 and admitted to the traveling ministry in 1783. He served in N.Y. City and died in 1834.
- (14) *George Strebeck* - He joined the conference [N.Y.] in 1792 and a few years later withdrew from the Methodist Church. He later became a Lutheran minister, and then Protestant Episcopal.
- (15) *Daniel Smith* - Smith joined the conference in 1790 and was one of the early pioneers in New England. He died in N.Y. City, Oct. 23, 1815.
- (16) *Dr. Rush and Dr. Physick* - Both were prominent physicians. They both were frequently called to the aid of Methodist preachers. Rev. Freeborn Garrettson mentions having been attended by them at various times.
- (17) *Jn. Haggerty* - A native of Maryland born 1747, Haggerty entered the traveling ministry in 1779 and was one of the first elders in America. He was the spiritual father of Thomas Morrell. Locating in Baltimore, Haggerty died in 1823.
- (18) *Chatham* - Morrell preached in Chatham at the home of his uncle, Jacob Morrell, in 1786. Ezekiel Cooper also preached there in that same year. A chapel was erected in the 1790's and the first church built in 1832.
- (19) *George Washington* - When Washington was inaugurated president, Asbury and Coke presented to him a congratulatory address on behalf of the Methodist Church. Thomas Morrell, because of his personal acquaintance with Washington, may have arranged the appointment.
- (20) *George Roberts* - One of the early pioneers of Methodism in New England. Assigned to New York City in 1798, Roberts located in 1806 because of poor health, and spent the remainder of his life in Baltimore.
- (21) *Bridgeton/Rahway* - Methodism was first preached in Rahway in 1774. The Rev. William Watters visited there as part of his New Jersey Circuit. Asbury stopped on June 5, 1804, and the chapel was built in 1809.
- (22) *Lydia Frazee* - Asbury's Journal mentions this marriage.
- (23) *Charity School* - There was a Wesley Academy which Rev. Freeborn Garrettson helped found in N.Y. City. This Charity School could have been that institution, or connected with it.
- (24) *New Providence/Turkey* - Ezekiel Cooper preached here in 1786. Jesse Lee, the Apostle to New England, also preached here in 1788. The first society was formed in 1789 and a chapel was built in 1803. Bishop Asbury refers in 1806 to the "Turkey Camp Meeting."

- (25) *Belleville Station* - Second River [Belleville] was the site of Bishop Asbury's preaching on August 29, 1774 for the first time within the Newark area. The Wesley United Methodist Church [Belleville] was organized 1791, the year in which John Wesley died.
- (26) *Family* - Morrell married three times and among the several children born of these marriages one, Francis Asbury Morrell, became a Methodist minister in New Jersey, serving principally in the area now identified as the Northern N.J. Conference.
- (27) *Lyons farms* - An early village in Clinton Township located about two and a half miles west of Connecticut Farms, N.J.